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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 504

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JORDAN
2 MORRISON OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI, FOR HIS SINGULAR ACHIEVEMENT IN
3 WINNING HIS AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP IN KARATE IN THE OKINAWAN
4 TRADITIONAL KARATE-DO AND KOBU-DO WORLD TOURNAMENT IN NAHA,
5 OKINAWA.

6 WHEREAS, Foreign fans flocked to Jordan Morrison, a
7 14-year-old from Florence, Mississippi, after he beat 84
8 competitors on August 14, 1999, to win his 13-15 age group in
9 Seibukan Shorin-Ryu and then the top winners in other karate
10 styles for his overall age group championship in the Okinawan
11 Traditional Karate-do and Kobu-do World Tournament in Naha,
12 Okinawa; and

13 WHEREAS, to win this championship in the Orient, where karate
14 is sacred, Morrison's performance had to be flawless, and it was a
15 real tribute to Jordan that he won their competition on their own
16 turf, and yet they chanted "Champ-champ" to congratulate him; and

17 WHEREAS, Biljac Burnside of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, a
18 fifth-degree black belt who coaches Jordan in tournaments, stated
19 that he enjoys tutoring a student who loves to work and learn:
20 "Jordan was going up against the best, many who had been in karate
21 twice as long and whose fathers are coaches, he has excellent
22 concentration and is an excellent student who remembers what you

23 teach him"; and

24 WHEREAS, Jordan's proud parents knew how good he was, but
25 were quite excited when he won the world tournament in Okinawa;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
28 talented student athlete, who has brought such honor to his
29 community, his school and to the State of Mississippi:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
31 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
32 we do hereby congratulate and commend Jordan Morrison of Florence,
33 Mississippi, for his singular achievement in winning his age group
34 championship in karate in the Okinawan Traditional Karate-do and
35 Kobu-do World Tournament in Naha, Okinawa, and wish him continued
36 success in his future sporting and educational endeavors.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution be presented to
38 Jordan Morrison and his family, and copies be made available to
39 the Capitol Press Corps.