

By: Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 504  
(As Adopted by Senate)

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.