

By: White (29th), Smith, Horhn

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 563  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF PROFESSOR JOHN  
2 PAUL "JACK" JONES AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

3 WHEREAS, John Paul "Jack" Jones of Jackson, Mississippi, a  
4 retired musician, music teacher and conductor of the 41st Army  
5 Band, passed away on Saturday, February 12, 2000; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was a native of Tallulah, Louisiana, and  
7 moved to Jackson at an early age; he was a 1945 graduate of  
8 Central High where he was a member of the band; he received his  
9 bachelor's degree in music from Millsaps College, his master's  
10 degree in music education from the University of Southern  
11 Mississippi and his doctorate from Jackson State University; and

12 WHEREAS, over the years, Mr. Jones was the band director at  
13 Enochs, Bailey and Hardy Junior High Schools and Murrah and  
14 Provine High Schools; at Provine, he led the band to top honors  
15 at the National Band Competition; he was a music professor at  
16 Jackson State University for more than 25 years; and

17 WHEREAS, he was a Marine veteran of World War II; he also  
18 served in the Mississippi Army National Guard; he directed the  
19 41st Army Band from 1960 until his retirement; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was active in local and state affairs,  
21 often playing at ceremonies and festivals; for many years, he  
22 provided the music for the Dixie National Rodeo and operated The  
23 Clarion-Ledger Talent Tent at the Mississippi State Fair; he was  
24 one of the original members of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra and  
25 was responsible for starting the Jackson Municipal Band; he also  
26 directed the Wahabi Shrine Band for several years; and

27           WHEREAS, he was recognized by several Governors for his  
28 service; in 1992, Governor Kirk Fordice, in particular, recognized  
29 him for his "exemplary patriotism and sincere goodwill" for taking  
30 the 41st Band on a goodwill trip to Morocco; and

31           WHEREAS, survivors include: wife, Wendy; daughters,  
32 Elizabeth Jones of Louisville and Jacqueline Bledsoe of Little  
33 Rock; stepdaughters, Gail Madden and Jeri Flinn, both of Jackson;  
34 and ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

35           WHEREAS, Jack played with the Capitol City Stage Band for the  
36 Inaugural Ball performance for four different Governors, and  
37 everyone considered him a person of the highest character and  
38 attitude to be around; he always picked band members up with his  
39 humor and it's hard to imagine a musical performance in Jackson  
40 without Jack Jones:

41           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
42 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
43 we do hereby commend the life of Professor John Paul "Jack" Jones  
44 and express the sympathy of the Legislature on his passing.

45           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
46 presented to the family of Jack Jones and be made available to the  
47 Capitol Press Corps.