

By: Senator(s) Dearing, Johnson (38th)

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 539

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR.  
2 WILLIE MINOR OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, THE BLUFF CITY POST "MAN OF  
3 THE YEAR."

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Willie Minor of Natchez, Mississippi, has been  
5 selected by the Bluff City Post as the 2000 Man of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, for all that he has done for his community, with a  
7 willing heart for those who ask him to come and sing for funerals,  
8 pastors' appreciations, anniversary programs, weddings,  
9 reaffirmation of vows and going into the area schools, the name  
10 Willie Minor is well known as a superb musical talent; and

11 WHEREAS, he has been a mechanic for many years and a car  
12 salesman at Jordan Auto Company for 43 years, retiring in the  
13 early part of this year, 2000; and

14 WHEREAS, Willie is the son of the late Rev. Earnest and Nancy  
15 B. Minor, and a 1954 graduate of Sadie V. Thompson High School  
16 (the first graduating class). He is also a graduate of Natchez  
17 College and attended the University of Southern Mississippi,  
18 Natchez Branch; and

19 WHEREAS, he has been married for many years to the former  
20 Eula B. Gilchrist and is the father of three children; the  
21 children are Willie Jr., Mark and Wanda; and

22 WHEREAS, Minor is a man of strong religious convictions. At  
23 his church, the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church located on  
24 Liberty Road, pastored by the Rev. Samuel Hines, he is very active  
25 as choir president and deacon where most of the congregation and  
26 family members fondly know him as "Buster"; and

27           WHEREAS, according to his wife Eula, it's hard to imagine how  
28 one man commits himself, first as a servant to God, and to  
29 countless other people and organizations in the community. He  
30 retired after 20 years in the Louisiana National Guard (1087th  
31 Transportation Company); served four years in the Army (two of  
32 those abroad in France), belongs to the L. A. Paige Lodge (32nd  
33 degree); Voices of Hope Choir, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church  
34 Choir, All Male Choir, etc. He was chosen as Chairman of the 2003  
35 Thompson Era Reunion which is a full-time job all in itself trying  
36 to steer a reunion of more than 2,000 people into Natchez and plan  
37 three full days of events for them; and

38           WHEREAS, our community and our state is very fortunate to  
39 have a man of Willie Minor's caliber, fortitude and religious  
40 convictions in our midst, and it is with great pride that we  
41 recognize this honor:

42           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
43 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
44 we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Willie Minor of Natchez,  
45 Mississippi, upon his selection as the Bluff City Post "2000 Man  
46 of the Year," and we wish him and his family continued success in  
47 their civic, charitable and other endeavors.

48           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be  
49 presented to Willie Minor and his family, and be made available to  
50 the Capitol Press Corps.