

By: Senator(s) Michel, Smith, Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING PINEY WOODS COUNTRY LIFE SCHOOL  
2 FOR BEING THE FIRST NATIONAL RECIPIENT OF A DIRECT T.V.  
3 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING SERVICE, AND COMMENDING DIRECT T.V. FOR  
4 CHOOSING THIS SCHOOL IN MISSISSIPPI FOR BEGINNING AND DONATING  
5 THIS STATE-OF-THE-ART SERVICE.

6 WHEREAS, the first Direct T.V. Satellite System was sold in  
7 Jackson, Mississippi, on June 17, 1994; and

8 WHEREAS, from that first world launch, Direct T.V. now serves  
9 some eight million-plus customers around the world; and

10 WHEREAS, the digital picture and CD quality sound are being  
11 experienced from the farm to urban duplexes; and

12 WHEREAS, Direct T.V. is again launching a new program in  
13 Mississippi at Piney Woods Country Life School; and

14 WHEREAS, through that program, receivers and programming will  
15 be provided at no charge in order to make education through  
16 satellite programming a learning experience; and

17 WHEREAS, Piney Woods Country Life School, in rural Rankin  
18 County, an accredited nonprofit school for disadvantaged and  
19 troubled youth, will be the pilot program for the country; and

20 WHEREAS, a free programming package - SCHOOL CHOICE - offers  
21 more than 60 channels of educational programming from network,  
22 including C-SPAN, CNN, Discovery Channel, The History Channel, A&E  
23 and The Learning Channel; and

24 WHEREAS, special issues of DIRECTV - The Guide will be  
25 distributed to participating schools; and

26 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the civic  
27 and educational benefits of Direct T.V. Satellite service,  
28 recognize the charitable donation of this service by a company

29 giving something back to the state where it started, and recognize  
30 the honor of having this technological advancement introduced in  
31 the State of Mississippi:

32         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
33 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby congratulate Piney Woods Country  
34 Life School for being the first recipient of a Direct T.V.  
35 educational programming service and commend Direct T.V. for  
36 choosing the Piney Woods Country Life School for donating and  
37 beginning its educational programming "state-of-the-art" services,  
38 and wish both continued success in their educational and business  
39 endeavors.

40         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
41 presented at announcement ceremonies to be held on March 27, 2001,  
42 to representatives of Piney Woods Country Life School, Direct T.V.  
43 and Cowboy Maloney's Electric City and be made available to the  
44 Capitol Press Corps.