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Burton, Johnson (38th), Smith, Farris, Ross,
Tollison, Walls, Little, Cuevas, Turner,
Harden, Canon, Hewes

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 559

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BILL
2 MURPHY, OUTSTANDING MUSIC EDUCATOR, ARRANGER AND PERFORMING
3 MUSICIAN FROM MADISON, MISSISSIPPI, AND DESIGNATING HIS MUSICAL
4 TRIBUTE TO THE SEPTEMBER 11TH DISASTER VICTIMS, "FREEDOM'S WIND,"
5 AS AN OFFICIAL GIFT OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO THE UNITED
6 STATES OF AMERICA.

7 WHEREAS, Madison, Mississippi, music educator, arranger and
8 outstanding musician Bill Murphy has assembled 93 musicians to
9 record an uplifting CD entitled "Freedom's Wind," a Christian
10 patriotic pop collection of pieces which is a musical tribute to
11 those who lost their lives in the September 11th attack; and

12 WHEREAS, these 93 singers, performers and Mississippi
13 students intended this project to be a gift from the State of
14 Mississippi to the United States of America in the spirit of
15 patriotism; and

16 WHEREAS, Bill Murphy moved to Mississippi in 1995 after
17 retiring from a career in the United States Air Force. Since
18 moving here Bill has been involved in educating middle school
19 through college students throughout the state. Bill is a graduate
20 of USM and teaches as an adjunct professor at USM; and

21 WHEREAS, for three years Bill ran an arts program for a local
22 children's charity in which he traveled throughout the state
23 teaching music on a mobile music lab. In addition, he conducted a
24 summer music program called "Summer Jazz" designed to expose young
25 music students to professional musicians and artists. The
26 students performed alongside the professionals and even recorded
27 with them in a recording studio; and



28 WHEREAS, in February 2001, Bill established the Fine Arts
29 Institute of Mississippi, Inc., a nonprofit 501c(3) corporation,
30 and started I.S. Productions, a for-profit video and music
31 production company. The Fine Arts Institute of Mississippi exists
32 to carry on Bill's desire to educate Mississippi's aspiring
33 artists. I.S. Productions exists to produce musical and video
34 products for resale to help finance the fine arts charity; and

35 WHEREAS, Bill's five-song musical tribute entitled "Freedom's
36 Wind" includes work by the following professional musicians and
37 students: Jeff Holmes, Director of Jazz Studies at the University
38 of Massachusetts-Amherst; saxophonists David Pietero of New York;
39 John Wojciechowski of Detroit, Michigan, and David Battaglia of
40 Jackson, Mississippi; nationally-known Christian recording artist
41 Kellye Huff of Forest, Mississippi, who sings the title song;
42 Larry Panella, Director of Jazz Studies at the University of
43 Southern Mississippi; musician/songwriter Johnny Barranco of
44 Nashville, Tennessee, who wrote "Freedom's Wind"; Randy Drake,
45 drummer, of La Crescentz, California; Steve Rigazzi, bassist, of
46 Kansas City, Missouri; Mississippi flutists Albert Lamar, Sybil
47 Cheesman and Julie Maisel; gospel singers from New Horizon Church
48 in Jackson, Mississippi; Mississippi vocalists Lisa Palmer and
49 Melanie Lucroy; the USM String Orchestra; the Mississippi Symphony
50 Orchestra's trumpet section; students at the Academic and
51 Performing Arts Complex in Jackson, Mississippi; and second
52 graders from Madison-Ridgeland Academy; and

53 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the civic
54 dedication of this music educator and professional musician who
55 has brought honor to his students, his community and to the State
56 of Mississippi:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
58 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
59 we do hereby commend and congratulate Bill Murphy, outstanding
60 music educator, arranger and performing musician from Madison,



61 Mississippi, for his dedication to music education for the young
62 people of our state, and hereby designate his CD tribute to those
63 who lost their lives in the September 11th disaster, entitled
64 "Freedom's Wind," as an official patriotic gift of the talents of
65 Mississippi to the United States of America, and wish Bill
66 continued success in his future professional and academic
67 endeavors.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
69 presented to Bill Murphy and his family, be forwarded to the
70 Mississippi Arts Commission and be made available to the Capitol
71 Press Corps.

