

By: Senator(s) Michel, White (29th),  
Frazier, Harden, Horhn, Ross

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JOHN PAUL OF  
2 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, UPON HIS RECEIPT OF THE 2002 GOVERNOR'S  
3 EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AWARD IN THE CATEGORY OF ARTIST'S  
4 ACHIEVEMENT.

5 WHEREAS, organist and classical musician John Paul, of  
6 Jackson, Mississippi, is the recipient of the 2002 Governor's  
7 Excellence in the Arts Award in the category of Artist's  
8 Achievement; and

9 WHEREAS, John Paul grew up in Lyme Regis, Dorsetshire,  
10 England. In 1961, he won entrance to the Royal Academy of Music  
11 in London where his principle teachers were Alan Richardson, C.H.  
12 Trevor, Eric H. Thiman and Thurston Dart. He holds the Academy's  
13 diplomas in Piano and Organ, an honours degree from the University  
14 of London and a Doctorate from the University of Colorado; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1965, he immigrated to Jackson, Mississippi, to  
16 become Organist and Choirmaster at St. Andrew's Episcopal  
17 Cathedral, also serving as Organist at Temple Beth Israel since  
18 1973. At St. Andrews, he has been responsible for all service  
19 music and the Wednesday at St. Andrew's noontime concert series  
20 begun in 1971, which quickly became a model for such concert  
21 series throughout the country; and

22 WHEREAS, Paul has a special interest in the plucked keyboard  
23 instruments and has toured as a Harpsichordist since 1980  
24 presenting concerts, workshops and informances in the United  
25 States, South American and Europe; and

26 WHEREAS, since 1997, he has been in partnership with  
27 Harpsichordist Shawn Leopard in many performances from Boston to  
28 Miami. This duo has recorded the Bach Trio Sonatas with Lyrichord



29 Discs and the Soler Conciertos for Two Keyboards with the Centaur  
30 label. Centaur released Paul's recording of the complete  
31 clavichord pieces of Herbert Howells in January of this year; and

32 WHEREAS, John Paul is married to the former Charlotte  
33 Skelton, A Jackson native. They have two sons, Charles and Alan.  
34 John Paul became a United States citizen in 1976 and is proud to  
35 call Mississippi his home; and

36 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the unique  
37 musical talent of this citizen who is a Mississippian by "choice"  
38 and not by "chance," and who has brought honor to his community  
39 and to the State of Mississippi:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
41 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate John Paul  
42 of Jackson, Mississippi, upon his receipt of the 2002 Governor's  
43 Excellence in the Arts Award in the category of Artist's  
44 Achievement, and wish him and his family success in their future  
45 endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
47 John Paul at induction ceremonies in February 2002, and be made  
48 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

