

By: Senator(s) Little

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE BLUZ BOYS BAND UPON THE OCCASION
2 OF THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY.

3 WHEREAS, the Bluz Boys celebrated their 20th Anniversary at
4 the Mal's 20th Annual St. Paddy's Parade in downtown Jackson on
5 March 16, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, the group's impromptu concert in the parking lot of
7 the George Street Restaurant at the close of the first St.
8 Patrick's Day Parade was the genesis of the traditional street
9 dance at the end of the annual parade. The band's performance is
10 still the main attraction at the end of the parade route, playing
11 front and center for the street dance; and

12 WHEREAS, parade organizer Malcolm White was one of the
13 original members of the Bluz Boys, which began as a
14 student-teacher project at Hinds Community College in Raymond, and
15 he remains a fan and supporter; and

16 WHEREAS, the 15-piece Bluz Boys is a Jackson-based rhythm and
17 blues '60s-soul band inspired by Saturday Night Live's legendary
18 duo Joliet Jake and Elwood Blues, better known as the "Blues
19 Brothers" played by John Belushi and Dan Akroyd; and

20 WHEREAS, by day, the musicians work as lawyers, executives,
21 teachers and accountants, only donning their dark suits, fedoras
22 and trademark shades at night and on weekends to do what they
23 love: make music; and

24 WHEREAS, the Bluz Boys band has made the transition from a
25 for-fun pick-up band to a novelty niche act to a tight and
26 well-rehearsed act with a diverse fan base and a regional
27 reputation for excellence; and



28 WHEREAS, the band includes backup singers, a six-piece horn
29 section and a rhythm section of keyboards, bass, lead guitar and
30 drums; and

31 WHEREAS, "Howlin" John Broderick and Bill "The Hit Man"
32 Boutwell are the male vocalists, and the Bluzettes include Panga
33 Wilson, Audrey Foster and Debbie Buie on vocals; and

34 WHEREAS, Richard Beverly, Russel Thomas, David Battaglia,
35 Booker Walker, Paul Adams and Bob Davidson make up the horn
36 section; and

37 WHEREAS, the rhythm section is comprised of Tom Atkinson,
38 Steve Newman, Tony Santangelo and Bud Berthold; and

39 WHEREAS, Bob Davidson's "day job" is that he serves this
40 Senate as Director of Legislative Services; and

41 WHEREAS, Davidson's love of music is expressed not only in
42 his performance, musical arrangement, directing and booking duties
43 with the Bluz Boys; Davidson also plays with and directs the
44 Sessions, a jazz band, and the Capitol City Stage Band, known for
45 its "Big Band" sound; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the unique
47 musical talent of this group of musicians who have honed their
48 craft and provided entertainment for fans of all ages, bringing
49 recognition to their community and to the State of Mississippi
50 thereby:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
52 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Bluz
53 Boys, the hardest working band in Jackson, Mississippi, upon the
54 occasion of their 20th Anniversary of performing for the Mal's St.
55 Paddy's Day Parade, and wish them every success in their future
56 endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 the Bluz Boys, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

