

By: Senator(s) Dawkins, Cuevas, Lee (47th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 534

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
2 PUBLIC SERVICE OF AUDREY WOODCOCK KERN OF PASS CHRISTIAN,
3 MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, Audrey Woodcock Kern of Pass Christian, Mississippi,
5 died on January 14, 2004, and

6 WHEREAS, she was a native and lifelong resident of the
7 Mississippi Gulf Coast. Mrs. Kern was born on October 28, 1926,
8 in Pass Christian to Bravo and Clara Woodcock. She attended Pass
9 Christian High School, where she was a member of the 1942 Girls
10 Basketball State Championship Team; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kern was a "mover and a shaker" in Gulf Coast
12 life. She was an owner/operator of numerous restaurants and
13 nightclubs stretching from Pass Christian to Gulfport. Mrs. Kern
14 was a lifelong member of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Jazz Society,
15 where she served as the first female president. She enjoyed
16 "second lining" beyond compare for all her years. She was elected
17 and served as one of the first female Harrison County Election
18 Commissioners and remained active in political life until her
19 death. She was a member of DeLisle Baptist Church, was a charter
20 member of the Pass Christian Chapter of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary,
21 and was a past member of the La Femmes Ladies Carnival Association
22 of Biloxi. Mrs. Kern was an active member of the St. Paul's
23 Carnival Association since 1964, served as a Grand Duchess in
24 1967, and was in the court several other years. An avid Mardi
25 Gras participant all her life, Mrs. Kern was involved in
26 fund-raising activities and was an enthusiastic float rider for
27 many years; and

28 WHEREAS, she is survived by sons, Karl Kern, Jr., (Kim) of
29 DeLisle and Chris Kern of Gulfport; daughters, Paula Prestwood
30 (Morgan) of Laurel, Sammie Kern of Mobile, Alabama, and Robin
31 Cuevas (Wendy) of DeLisle; six grandchildren, Lee Kern, Cabe and
32 Cassie Prestwood, Evangeline Mandolin Mays and John and Jared
33 Cuevas; a special niece, Dorothy Gay Ladner; countless dear and
34 lifelong friends; and a host of other relatives:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
36 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
37 we do hereby commend the life and legacy of public service of Mrs.
38 Audrey Woodcock Kern of Pass Christian, Mississippi, and express
39 to her surviving family the sympathy of the Legislature on her
40 passing.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
42 the family of Mrs. Kern and be made available to *The Sun Herald*
43 and to members of the Capitol Press Corps.