

By: Senator(s) Hewes, Gollott, Lee (47th),
Cuevas, Moffatt, Dawkins, Robertson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 610

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF
2 GULF COAST VOLUNTEER LEADER RUSTY DAVID AND CONGRATULATE HIM FOR
3 RECEIVING THE ANNUAL "BILLY CREEL" TOURISM AWARD.

4 WHEREAS, in order to totally appreciate his impact on the
5 City of Biloxi for the year 2003-2004, it should be recorded that
6 Rusty C. David is a life-long volunteer dedicated to enhancing not
7 only the tourism and economic impact of the city, but most
8 importantly the quality of life of our citizens. There is no
9 greater job in Rusty's life than watching the smiles of young
10 children, parents and senior citizens alike as they enjoy one of
11 "his" events. For these reasons, there was no contest when Biloxi
12 recently selected its Volunteer of the Decade and recipient of the
13 coveted annual "Billy Creel" Tourism Award, Rusty David was a
14 hands-down winner and deservedly so; and

15 WHEREAS, Rusty David is a visionary with unrivaled energy and
16 enthusiasm. His drive and determination to make Biloxi a better
17 place to live, work and play has shaped the Coast's annual
18 traditions such as Christmas on the Water, the Children's Walking
19 Christmas Parade, the Lighting of the Biloxi Town Green, the
20 County Cajun Crawfish Festival, Mardi Gras parades, the Ole Biloxi
21 Marching Club, the Ship Island Rendezvous, Fourth of July
22 fireworks extravaganza, the Billy Creel Memorial Gulf Coast Wooden
23 Boat Show, the World Championship Offshore Power Boat Races, and
24 the Smokin' the Sound; and

25 WHEREAS, Rusty C. David arrived in Biloxi, Mississippi, in
26 1945 and attended Biloxi High School. He is married to Robin
27 Krohn and has two daughters (Carol and Gretchen) and two

28 stepdaughters (Megan and Shelby). They are members of Nativity
29 B.V.M. Cathedral. Rusty has been employed with BancorpSouth for
30 the past 23 years as Facilities Coordinator. Rusty was the owner
31 of a sport fishing boat that he chartered for 15 years. He is a
32 member of and served in a myriad of leadership positions in the
33 Elk's Club, the Gulf Coast Carnival Association, Duck's Unlimited,
34 Harrison County Tourism Task Force, Maritime and Seafood Industry
35 Museum, Mississippi Gulf Coast Attractions Association, the
36 Mississippi Gulf Coast Big Game Fishing Club, the Mississippi
37 Billfish Classic and is serving on the Board of Smokin' the Sound.
38 He is also involved in Mississippi Gulf Coast Fishing Banks,
39 Nathan V. Boddie Research Institute and a board member of the
40 Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce.

41 WHEREAS, Rusty David was chosen 1999 Outstanding Citizen of
42 the Year by the Gulf Coast Hotel/Motel Association, and
43 Mississippi's 2000 Tourism Volunteer of the Year; and

44 WHEREAS, over the years, Rusty has organized and set up a
45 fireworks extravaganza for Biloxi's Fourth of July celebration.
46 Over 50,000 people gather along the coastline in addition to
47 thousands of boats on the water to view the fireworks set off from
48 Deer Island. Rusty is a Charter member and key worker in the
49 Mississippi Big Game Fishing Club. The club sponsors 3 two-day
50 tournaments with participants from all along the southeast; and

51 WHEREAS, with all that he does for the Mississippi Gulf
52 Coast, it may be hard to believe that Rusty David is actually a
53 behind the scenes mover and shaker, uncomfortable with public
54 accolades; and

55 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
56 contributions of this gentleman who is the epitome of a true
57 volunteer and who brings honor to his community and to the State
58 of Mississippi:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
60 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That

61 we do hereby commend the civic contributions of Mississippi Gulf
62 Coast volunteer Rusty David and congratulate him for receiving the
63 coveted annual "Billy Creel" Tourism Award to be presented at the
64 Beau Rivage Resort in Biloxi, Mississippi, on May 3, 2004, and
65 extend to him and his family the best wishes of the Legislature on
66 future projects.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
68 Rusty David and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.