

By: Senator(s) Dawkins,
Williamson, Jordan, Butler, Walls

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 501

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 14-20, 2004, AS
2 "NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK" IN MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, for the past several years the National Coalition
4 for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and
5 Homelessness have sponsored "National Hunger and Homelessness
6 Week"; and

7 WHEREAS, the purpose of this designation and its events is to
8 educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and
9 homeless, including, the shortage of affordable housing in
10 Mississippi for very low-income residents and to encourage support
11 for homeless assistance service providers as well as community
12 service opportunities for students and school service
13 organizations; and

14 WHEREAS, participating in "National Hunger and Homelessness
15 Awareness Week" not only brings greater awareness to your
16 community, but also helps to promote the national endeavor to end
17 hunger and homelessness. The plight of those without a home can
18 be both lonely and difficult. Addressing their struggles by
19 organizing and participating in this week may bring greater
20 solidarity and understanding, as well as promote future
21 involvement; and

22 WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to
23 sheltering, providing supportive services as well as meals and
24 food supplies to the homeless; and

25 WHEREAS, the national theme of "National Hunger and
26 Homelessness and Awareness Week 2004" is "Bringing America Home";
27 and

28 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that hunger and
29 homelessness continue to be a serious problem for many individuals
30 and families in Mississippi:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
32 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
33 the Legislature hereby recognizes November 14-20, 2004, as
34 "National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week" in Mississippi
35 and encourages all citizens to recognize that many people do not
36 have housing and need support from citizens, and private/public
37 nonprofit service entities.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
39 the Governor, the Secretary of State for appropriate dissemination
40 to support organizations and be made available to the Capitol
41 Press Corps.