

By: Senator(s) King, Dearing, Jackson  
(32nd), Lee (35th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 567

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. JOHN GREEN FOR HIS  
2 SELECTION AS THE 2005 MISSISSIPPI TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR AND FOR  
3 HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF FORESTRY.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. John Green of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, is a  
5 conservationist whose passion for the forest, timber production,  
6 wildlife and wildflowers has earned him the honor of being  
7 selected as the 2005 Mississippi Tree Farmer of the Year; and

8 WHEREAS, his commitment has been for a lifetime, taking an  
9 active roll in management of both pine and hardwood, harvesting  
10 and replanting the 500-acre tract with suitable first and second  
11 generation loblolly and longleaf pine, as well as using the tubex  
12 container practice for hardwood seedlings; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Green, being an ophthalmologist, knows the value  
14 of education and has become a self-taught forest conservationist  
15 in his own right, attending short courses provided by the  
16 Mississippi State University Extension Service in planting and  
17 thinning pine trees, growing longleaf pines, beetle control, water  
18 quality, wildlife management, invasive weed control, using Best  
19 Management Practices during logging operations, and hosting groups  
20 on the tree farm which has been a part of the Mississippi Tree  
21 Farm System for 42 years under a written management plan which has  
22 been revised as needed; and

23 WHEREAS, in the last five years, the 42 acres of hardwood  
24 harvested have been replanted in cherrybark oak, nuttall oak,  
25 swamp chestnut oak, willow oak, green ash, cypress and sweet pecan  
26 while the pine timber was thinned and a select cut conducted on 52  
27 acres of pine; and

28           WHEREAS, roads with water-bars and bridges have been  
29 constructed to provide access throughout the property and  
30 firebreaks are constructed and maintained; and

31           WHEREAS, wildlife quality has been improved with the planting  
32 of winter and summer food plots, as well as providing desirable  
33 habitat using wildlife management advice from a USDA Wildlife  
34 Biologist; and

35           WHEREAS, Dr. Green received the Forest Conservationist Award  
36 from the Mississippi Wildlife Federation in 2001, hosted a video  
37 shoot for a documentary about the Pascagoula River, "*The Singing*  
38 *River*", and has been featured in many newspaper articles over the  
39 years and recently in two state forestry magazines; and

40           WHEREAS, Dr. Green and his family provide 90% of the actual  
41 fieldwork on the tree farm with logging and larger planting jobs  
42 being contracted; the peers and colleagues of Dr. Green have been  
43 taught many conservation lessons on the many visits to the Green  
44 Tree Farm; and

45           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize remarkable  
46 Mississippi landowners who not only practice sound conservation  
47 but share it with others:

48           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
50 we do hereby commend Dr. John Green for his selection as the 2005  
51 Mississippi Tree Farmer of the Year and for his outstanding  
52 contributions to the forestry community and extend our heartiest  
53 wishes for continued success in conservation and tree farming.

54           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
55 furnished to Dr. John Green, his family and members of the Capitol  
56 Press Corps.