

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Dearing,
Gordon, Hewes, Lee (35th), White

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 504

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 2006 MISSISSIPPI LIONS ALL-STATE BAND FOR THE PROMINENCE THEY HAVE
3 ACHIEVED IN WINNING THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR AN
4 UNPRECEDENTED FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Lions All-State Band has a 57-year
6 tradition of excellence. The band is selected through a rigorous
7 two-audition process from over 900 students statewide and
8 represents the best of the best; and

9 WHEREAS, the band is comprised of 143 students from across
10 Mississippi, and this year's band had 53 different high schools
11 represented; and

12 WHEREAS, the Lions Band has competed in International Parade
13 Championships around the world including: Hawaii, Taiwan, Korea,
14 Hong Kong, Australia, England, Canada, Mexico, France and Africa;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the band has won the International Championship 24
17 times during its history; and this year, for the first time ever,
18 won the championship for the 4th straight year in a row, having
19 won in 2003, 2004, 2005, and now 2006. This string of four
20 straight championships is unprecedented by any band from any
21 state; and

22 WHEREAS, the Director/Manager of the band is Mr. Gary Cook
23 from Sumrall, Mississippi, the Assistant Director/Manager is Jeff
24 Cannon from Pearl High School, and the Marching Director of this
25 year's band is Mickey Mangum from Kosciusko High School; and

26 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we express our
27 appreciation to this group of student musicians who have brought

28 honor and favorable publicity to the State of Mississippi and
29 serve as citizen models for their fellow students:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
31 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
32 we do hereby commend and congratulate the 2006 Edition of the
33 Mississippi Lions All-State Band for the prominence they have
34 achieved in winning the International Championship for an
35 unprecedented fourth consecutive year and extend our best wishes
36 to their Directors, Gary Cook, Jeff Cannon and Mickey Mangum, and
37 the band members for their future success.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
39 the Mississippi Lions All-State Band and be made available to the
40 Capitol Press Corps.