

By: Representatives Ishee, Broomfield,  
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To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE GULFPORT HIGH SCHOOL  
2 ORCHESTRA UPON RECEIVING INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FROM THE  
3 FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND RECEIVING AN INVITATION TO PERFORM  
4 IN BERLIN.

5 WHEREAS, the Gulfport High School Orchestra; Billy Ulmer,  
6 Director of Orchestra Activities; orchestra staff members, Jorge  
7 Orozco, Daniel Martinez, Russell Sample and Maria Montano;  
8 Gulfport School Superintendent, Glen East; and the Gulfport School  
9 District Board of Trustees have received international recognition  
10 from the Federal Republic of Germany by being invited to perform  
11 in Berlin and participate in an international cultural exchange  
12 program with Germany; and

13 WHEREAS, the Federal Republic of Germany, through the Glory  
14 of Baroque Dresden Exhibit held in Mississippi in 2004, and the  
15 German relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina, became aware of the  
16 Gulfport High School Orchestra and the superb level and quality of  
17 the organization; and

18 WHEREAS, the Federal Republic of Germany, through the theme  
19 "music helps," desired to promote and partner cultural activities  
20 with the Gulf Region after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in  
21 order to show good will and friendship toward the United States  
22 and the Gulf Region; and

23 WHEREAS, Billy Ulmer, Director of the Gulfport High School  
24 Orchestra, traveled to Berlin in December 2005, as an official  
25 guest of the German Government to discuss the possibility of a  
26 cultural exchange with Germany, and met with German officials,  
27 Herr Karsten Voigt, Coordinator of German-American Relations, Dr.  
28 Anna Elizabeth Prinz, Directorate General of the German Foreign

29 Offices, officials at the American Embassy in Berlin, students and  
30 staff members of the Carl Bechstein-Gymnasium; and

31 WHEREAS, Hans-Joerg Brunner, German Consulate General for the  
32 southeastern United States, visited the Gulfport School District  
33 on January 26, 2006, and delivered an official invitation from the  
34 Federal Republic of Germany for members of the Gulfport High  
35 School Orchestra to perform in Berlin and participate in a  
36 cultural exchange with the students of the Carl  
37 Bechstein-Gymnasium in the Berlin-Erkner area; and

38 WHEREAS, the Gulfport High School Orchestra will act as Good  
39 Will Ambassadors from the United States, the State of Mississippi  
40 and the City of Gulfport through its excellence in performance  
41 while in Germany; and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
43 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the  
44 exceptionally high caliber of students and teachers of our state:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
47 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Gulfport  
48 High School Orchestra, Conductor Billy Ulmer, Superintendent Glen  
49 East and the Gulfport School District Board of Trustees for  
50 bringing international recognition to the United States, the State  
51 of Mississippi and the City of Gulfport by promoting excellence in  
52 musical performance and receiving an invitation from the Federal  
53 Republic of Germany to perform and participate in a cultural  
54 exchange program with Germany.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
56 furnished to Billy Ulmer, Superintendent of Schools, Glen East,  
57 the Gulfport School District Board of Trustees and to the members  
58 of the Capitol Press Corps.