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***SENATE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
No. 593***

Originated in Senate

Hernando Lopez

Secretary

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE UNVEILING OF THE MISSISSIPPI BLUES TRAIL MARKER AT THE "MISSISSIPPI MUSIC CELEBRATION AT THE GRAMMY MUSEUM" IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, Mississippi blues, country, gospel, soul and rock'n'roll artists are at the center of American popular music, and that legacy is apparent in the number of Mississippians who have been recognized by The Recording Academy with GRAMMY Awards, GRAMMY Hall Of Fame inductions and Lifetime Achievement Awards; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 10, 2011, this year's "Mississippi Music Celebration at the GRAMMY Museum" at L.A. Live in downtown Los Angeles will celebrate that unparalleled musical legacy and specifically honor Mississippi's pivotal role in the establishment of blues music and that genre's influence across the music industry. The event is part of GRAMMY Week, a preamble to the GRAMMY Awards Ceremony scheduled on February 13, 2011. On February 10, a Mississippi Blues Trail Marker will be unveiled at the GRAMMY Museum and L.A. Live sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Blues Trail, created by the Mississippi Blues Commission, is a project to place interpretive markers at the most notable historical sites related to the growth of the blues throughout the State of Mississippi. The trail extends from the border of Louisiana in Southern Mississippi and winds its way to Memphis, Tennessee. One marker was recently erected in Chicago, Illinois, where many Mississippi-born blues musicians, like Muddy Waters, moved before becoming famous; and

WHEREAS, the list of markers and locations has been developed by distinguished blues scholars and historians. The trail is being implemented in stages as funds become available. More blues singers have come from the State of Mississippi, especially the Mississippi Delta, than all the other Southern states combined. These include Son House, Robert Johnson, Charlie Patton, Muddy Waters, Skip James, Bukka White, John Lee Hooker and B.B. King. The first marker was placed at Holly Ridge in 2005. It is dedicated to Charlie Patton as the "Father of the Mississippi Delta Blues." The second marker is located in front of the Southern Whispers Restaurant on Nelson Street in Greenville, a stop on the Chitlin' Circuit in the early days of the blues. The Mississippi Blues Trail added the Mississippi State Penitentiary (Parchman) to its list of sites on September 28, 2010; Parchman received the Trail's 113th historical marker; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join a national audience in paying tribute to the musical legacy of the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize the unveiling of the Mississippi Blues Trail Marker at the "Mississippi Music Celebration at the GRAMMY Museum" in Los Angeles, California, on February 10, 2011, and extend our best wishes to the GRAMMY Museum from the Home of the Blues on this auspicious occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to the GRAMMY Museum, forwarded to Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour, California Governor Jerry Brown, and Alex Thomas, Music

Development Manager with the Mississippi Development Authority,
and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
February 10, 2011



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 16, 2011



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES