

Chapter No. 2207

12/SS02/R1321

JW 18c/7B

***SENATE  
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
No. 661***

Originated in Senate

Liz Welch

Secretary

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 661

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING FRANCE PHILLIPS BEARD AS MISS MISSISSIPPI'S OUTSTANDING TEEN 2011.

WHEREAS, France Phillips Beard, 18, of Madison, was crowned Miss Mississippi's Outstanding Teen 2011 on Saturday, June 4, 2011. Twenty-five girls competed for the coveted title to represent Mississippi in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant which was held in Orlando, Florida, in August 2011. While at the State Competition, France was honored to not only take home the Title of Miss Mississippi's Outstanding Teen but also the overall Talent and Physical Fitness Awards. Along with her crown and title, France won a \$5,000 savings bond and \$300 in cash scholarships for her preliminary and overall awards; and

WHEREAS, France won her preliminary as Miss Madison County to qualify for the Miss Mississippi's Outstanding Teen Pageant. France won the overall Interview, Evening Gown and Physical Fitness Awards in the Miss Madison County's Outstanding Teen Pageant; and

WHEREAS, France is the daughter of Clay and Ann Beard of Madison, Mississippi. France is a Senior at St. Joseph Catholic School in Madison and will graduate in May of 2012. She is an integral part of the St. Joseph Community, where she is a cheerleader, serving as co-captain of her squad, she is a Student Council leader, and a scholar with a 3.9 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, France is an active member in her community, by participating and volunteering tirelessly at the Madison Animal Rescue Kennel (ARK) to promote her platform, Promoting Animals Worth Saving (PAWS), and volunteering with her St. Joseph

community performing gospel service hours. France has received national recognition for her community service work by being named a Teen in Action at the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant and being chosen as a Youth Catalyst for the Ian Somerhauler Foundation and having her campaign featured on its website; and

WHEREAS, France is an active member of her parish, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, where she is a Eucharistic Minister, and volunteers with Vacation Bible School and Children's Church, and at St. Anthony Catholic School; and

WHEREAS, France is an enthusiastic artist; her study of dance with XPRESS DANCE COMPANY has given her a proud and valued understanding of artistic expression, and has taught her, along with her Catholic education, the value of self-discipline, respect and faith; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride we note the accomplishments of this talented young Mississippian who has brought honor to her community, her school, and her state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate France Phillips Beard of Madison, Mississippi, Miss Mississippi's Outstanding Teen 2011, for the contributions she has made as an unofficial ambassador for our state and extend to her our best wishes in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to France Phillips Beard and her family, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE  
April 25, 2012



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
April 27, 2012



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES