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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
No. 505***

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PAYING TRIBUTE TO SPECIAL OLYMPIAN KYLE DUTIEL OF BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI, FOR WINNING 3 GOLD MEDALS AS AN EQUESTRIAN COMPETITOR IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, Mississippi is home to a three-time Special Olympics World Games Gold Medalist. Equestrian Competitor Kyle Dutiel from Brandon, Mississippi, who won a Gold Medal on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, followed up his strong performance on Thursday and Friday by taking home the Gold in Dressage and Working Trails; and

WHEREAS, Dutiel previously brought home a Bronze Medal in 1999 at World Games in Raleigh, North Carolina, and a Silver and Bronze in 2003 at World Games in Dublin, Ireland; however, 2015 was his big year; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics Mississippi welcomed their athletes home at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport. Also competing were Taylor Rosenthal and father and unified partner, Bill Rosenthal, of Shannon, Mississippi, who won a Silver Medal in Golf; and

WHEREAS, Dutiel and Rosenthal were among 6,500 athletes from 165 countries to compete in the largest Special Olympics in history. The event scheduled July 25 through August 2, 2015, drew 500,000 spectators, 30,000 volunteers and 3,000 coaches. Tony Bahu, President and CEO of Special Olympics Mississippi, said the accomplishments of Dutiel and Rosenthal were impressive. "The World Games was an experience that our families and athletes will remember for a lifetime"; and

WHEREAS, Dutiel, 35, said he had worked to improve his riding skills so he could win a Gold Medal in an Equestrian Event. The Gold Medals were a first for Dutiel, who brought home a Bronze Medal in the Working Trails Event during the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill, North Carolina, in 1999, and a Silver Medal and Fourth-Place Ribbon in the Working Trails Event during the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland, in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Linda Dutiel of Brandon, Kyle Dutiel's mother, said she and her husband, Randy, were pleased when their son won the Gold for Equestrian on his first day of competition. Their joy grew when he earned a second Gold Medal for English Dressage and then a third one for the Working Trails Competition. An athlete generally has an idea about his or her performance but must wait until the Medal Ceremony to learn who made it to the podium. "We watched with anticipation because the athletes don't know until

they line them up and place them one through eight on the podium"; and

WHEREAS, Camie Crowe, a World and Reserve World Champion in both the American Paint Horse Association and the Pinto Horse Association of America, who gave her time to coach Dutiel at Heavenly Hills Ranch in Madison, credits his tenacity, willingness to learn, and patience for winning the Gold Medals; and

WHEREAS, Kyle's path to becoming an award-winning athlete began in the Sixth Grade when his Special Education Teacher introduced him to the Equestrian Riding Program of Special Olympics. Kyle attended Magnolia speech School, Dogwood School, Northwest Rankin and Brandon High School, and he lives independently from his parents and works as a Housekeeper at Hudspeth Regional Center; and

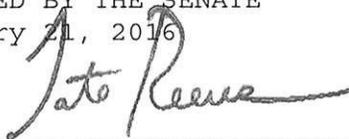
WHEREAS, Kyle also participates in Special Olympics teams for bowling, tennis, golf and softball. He will join team members to compete in the Special Olympics North America Softball Invitational in September 2015 in Wichita, Kansas. The tournament will feature 32 teams from across the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend the accomplishments of these athletes not only for Special Olympics USA, but as an inspiration for all our athletes in Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby pay tribute to Kyle Dutiel of Brandon, Mississippi, for winning 3 Gold Medals as an Equestrian Competitor in the Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles, California, and extend our congratulations to Kyle and his family on this auspicious occasion and our best wishes for future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Kyle and his family, his Coach Camie Crowe, forwarded to the Director of the Hudspeth Regional Center, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

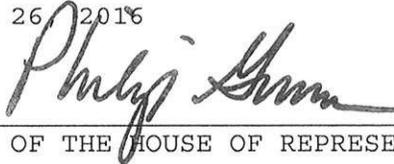
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES