

By: Senator(s) Blount

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 505

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR.
2 RYAN TRACY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, UPON HIS RECEIPT OF THE
3 MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION 2009 "PAUL COGGIN MEMORIAL
4 AWARD."

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Ryan Tracy, a leading citizen of Clinton,
6 Mississippi, and Main Street Clinton's first President, is the
7 recipient of the Mississippi Main Street Association 2009 "Paul
8 Coggin Memorial Award"; and

9 WHEREAS, due to the commitment, time and enthusiasm that Paul
10 Coggin brought to the Mississippi Main Street Association, a
11 special award was established in his honor. The Paul Coggin
12 Memorial Award is given to an outstanding board member or
13 volunteer who has been active in a downtown organization for at
14 least the last two years, and who has contributed energy and
15 dedication to downtown revitalization; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Ryan Tracy served two terms as Main Street
17 Clinton's first President and continues to set a standard for
18 service to the program; and

19 WHEREAS, because of Dr. Tracy's efforts, the Main Street
20 Program secured an ongoing funding agreement with Mississippi
21 College and Central Mississippi Medical Center totaling \$70,000 in
22 its first five years. During his presidency, the Olde Towne
23 Markets were started, which have renewed the community's interest
24 in the downtown; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Tracy also worked to design, fund and install a
26 professional outdoor music system in Olde Towne; and

27 WHEREAS, Mississippi Main Street is a program of the National
28 Trust for Historic Preservation and the Mississippi Development



29 Authority. Mississippi Main Street Association is an economic
30 development program based in historic preservation. Mississippi
31 Main Street Association has many strategic partners in Mississippi
32 including the Mississippi Development Authority, Mississippi
33 Division of Tourism, Mississippi Department of Archives and
34 History, Mississippi Arts Commission, Mississippi Heritage Trust,
35 Mississippi Urban Forestry Council and the Carl Small Town Center
36 at the Mississippi State University School of Architecture; and

37 WHEREAS, the mission of the Mississippi Main Street
38 Association is to provide leadership, guidance and counsel to
39 Mississippi Main Street communities through organization,
40 promotion, design and economic development to make our cities and
41 towns better places to work, live and play; and

42 WHEREAS, a relentless problem-solver, Dr. Tracy would never
43 allow himself or the organization to rest on success. He has
44 said, "Better than someone else's average doesn't matter, we have
45 not yet become the best version of ourselves." He has indeed set
46 the bar high for future volunteers of Main Street Clinton, and we
47 commend him for his service to Main Street Clinton:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
50 we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Ryan Tracy of Clinton,
51 Mississippi, upon his receipt of the Mississippi Main Street
52 Association 2009 "Paul Coggin Memorial Award," and extend to him
53 and his family our best wishes on the receipt of this prestigious
54 award.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
56 Dr. Tracy, forwarded to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Clinton
57 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

