

By: Senator(s) Gordon, Frazier, Kirby, Ross To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 616  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MISKELLY FURNITURE AND THE  
2 MISKELLY BROTHERS UPON RECEIVING THE TUPELO FURNITURE MARKET'S  
3 FALL 1998 BUYER APPRECIATION AWARD.

4 WHEREAS, Jackson, Mississippi-based Miskelly Furniture has  
5 received the Tupelo Furniture Market's Fall 1998 Buyer  
6 Appreciation Award; and

7 WHEREAS, the buyer award is given twice a year by the Tupelo  
8 Furniture Marketing Association to recognize retailers who have  
9 consistently supported the Mississippi furniture industry and the  
10 Tupelo Furniture Market; and

11 WHEREAS, the Miskelly brothers, Chip, Oscar and Tommy, opened  
12 their first 8,000-square-foot store east of Jackson in 1978, and  
13 since then, the company has grown to operate two stores in central  
14 Mississippi; and

15 WHEREAS, the main store in Jackson is 70,000 square feet,  
16 while the Howard Miskelly Furniture Clearance Center is 25,000  
17 square feet, and future plans include the completion of a  
18 150,000-square-foot distribution center and construction of a new  
19 50,000-square-foot store in North Jackson; and

20 WHEREAS, having grown up in Okolona, Mississippi, a few miles  
21 south of Tupelo, the Miskelly brothers first got the idea for  
22 their retail stores by watching the Tupelo area spring to life  
23 with furniture manufacturing plants and watching those plants  
24 spawn discount retail outlets; and

25 WHEREAS, 1998 marked the first year Miskelly Furniture was  
26 ranked on Furniture/Today's list of Top 100 U.S. Furniture Stores,

27 at number 93 with 1997 sales of \$34.2 Million; and

28 WHEREAS, Miskelly Furniture has become the leading furniture  
29 retailer in the Jackson, Mississippi, market and surrounding area,  
30 enjoying an average sales growth of nearly 25% a year since  
31 opening in 1978; and

32 WHEREAS, always staying true to their word, the Miskelly  
33 brothers have found success by cultivating the foundation of the  
34 family business in trusting relationships with vendors, employees,  
35 customers and God; and

36 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize the  
37 exemplary service and accomplishments of the outstanding citizens  
38 of this state:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
40 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
41 we do hereby commend Miskelly Furniture and the Miskelly brothers,  
42 Chip, Oscar and Tommy, upon receiving the Tupelo Furniture  
43 Market's Fall 1998 Buyer Appreciation Award.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
45 furnished to Miskelly Furniture and made available to the Capitol  
46 Press Corps.