

By: Senator(s) Robertson, Dickerson, Cuevas, To: Rules  
Gollott, Hewes, Lee, Moffatt, Woodfield

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 653  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING COAST  
2 ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION, PEARL RIVER VALLEY ELECTRIC POWER  
3 ASSOCIATION, SINGING RIVER ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION, DIXIE  
4 ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION, MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY, ENTERGY  
5 MISSISSIPPI, AND ALL OTHER ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATIONS IN  
6 MISSISSIPPI FOR THEIR QUICK RESPONSE AND RESTORATION OF SERVICE  
7 FOLLOWING THE MASSIVE DESTRUCTION AND POWER OUTAGES CAUSED BY  
8 HURRICANE GEORGES.

9 WHEREAS, Hurricane Georges caused over \$310 Million in damage  
10 to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and caused \$2.5 Billion in insured  
11 damages to homes, businesses and other property in the United  
12 States, making it the third costliest hurricane on record; and

13 WHEREAS, Hurricane Georges knocked out power to nearly a  
14 quarter of a million customers along the Mississippi Coast, and  
15 took a huge toll on the infrastructure of power providers, and

16 WHEREAS, electric power association officials compared the  
17 magnitude of Hurricane Georges' destruction in south Mississippi  
18 to the ice storm of 1994 which struck north Mississippi, estimated  
19 the cost to electric power associations at more than \$75 Million  
20 and reported that 154,250 EPA customers were without power at the  
21 peak of the storm; and

22 WHEREAS, in the face of this destruction the following  
23 Mississippi Gulf Coast Electric Power Associations and utility  
24 companies mobilized linemen and all other personnel for  
25 restoration of service and repair of infrastructure: Coast  
26 Electric Power Association in Bay St. Louis, Pearl River Valley  
27 Electric Power Association in Columbia, Singing River Electric  
28 Power Association in Lucedale, Dixie Electric Power Association in  
29 Laurel and Mississippi Power Company in Gulfport; and

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31 WHEREAS, due to the magnitude of the storm, these crews were  
32 forced to request assistance from the following associations and  
33 contractors: Entergy Corporation, Alcorn County EPA, Central EPA,  
34 Coahoma EPA, Delta EPA, East Mississippi EPA, 4-County EPA,  
35 Magnolia EPA, Monroe County EPA, Natchez Trace EPA, North East  
36 Mississippi EPA, Northcentral Mississippi EPA, Pontotoc EPA,  
37 Prentiss County EPA, Southern Pine EPA, Southwest Mississippi EPA,  
38 Tallahatchie Valley EPA, Tippah EPA, Tishomingo County EPA,  
39 Tombigbee EPA, Twin County EPA, Yazoo Valley EPA and numerous  
40 power associations, utilities and contractors from surrounding  
41 states; and

42 WHEREAS, this massive well-organized "call center" response  
43 to restore customer power was implemented without regard to cost  
44 or expense to the provider, and regulatory officials pronounced  
45 the response time and the human effort as commendable; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
47 monumental effort of each lineman and crew member participating in  
48 this operation which was the best example of Mississippians and  
49 their neighbors helping other Mississippians at great sacrifice:

50 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
52 we do hereby recognize and commend Coast Electric Power  
53 Association, Pearl River Valley Electric Power Association,  
54 Singing River Electric Power Association, Dixie Electric Power  
55 Association, Mississippi Power Company, Entergy Mississippi, and  
56 all other Electric Power Associations and contractors in  
57 Mississippi and surrounding states for their quick response and  
58 restoration of service following the massive destruction and power  
59 outages caused by Hurricane Georges, and their total dedication to  
60 the public.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to  
62 the Electric Power Associations of Mississippi for distribution to  
63 the General Manager of each EPA in Mississippi, and to the  
64 President of Mississippi Power Company and the President of  
65 Entergy Mississippi, and be made available to the Capitol Press  
66 Corps.