

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 657
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. ROOSEVELT CALBERT FOR
2 HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND TO
3 THE EDUCATION OF MINORITY STUDENTS.

4 WHEREAS, as part of the National Science Foundation Diversity
5 Workshop, sponsored by the Mississippi Education and Research
6 Group, Jackson State University is hosting a luncheon in honor of
7 Dr. Roosevelt Calbert for his many contributions to the National
8 Science Foundation and to the education of minority students; and

9 WHEREAS, after receiving his B.S. degree at Jackson State
10 University, Dr. Roosevelt Calbert received a Master of Arts for
11 Teaching at the University of Michigan, and a master's and Ph.D.
12 in plasma physics from the University of Kansas in 1969 and 1971,
13 respectively; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1975, Dr. Roosevelt Calbert joined the National
15 Science Foundation's Directorate for Science and Engineering
16 Education; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Calbert has held many positions at the National
18 Science Foundation, including a position as Senior Program
19 Analyst, Office of Planning and Resources Management, Agency
20 Representative for the White House Initiative on Historically
21 Black Colleges and Universities, Program Director for several
22 National Science Foundation initiatives, Section Head of Minority
23 Programs, Deputy Director of the Division of Human Resource
24 Development, and currently the Division Director of Human Resource
25 Development; and

26 WHEREAS, prior to joining the foundation, Dr. Roosevelt

27 Calbert was Director of the Cooperative Academic Planning (CAP)
28 Program at the Institute for Services to Education, where he
29 developed several monographs on curriculum change in black
30 colleges, long-range academic planning and performance evaluation;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, he has held faculty positions at Alcorn State
33 University and Alabama State University, has presented more than
34 50 papers at professional association meetings and conferences and
35 has published in professional journals; and

36 WHEREAS, in 1986, Dr. Roosevelt Calbert received a
37 Presidential Citation Award from Jackson State University as an
38 outstanding alumnus, and received the National Science Foundation
39 Director's Equal Opportunity Achievement Award in 1986 for
40 demonstrating an exceptionally high commitment to developing the
41 research capabilities of young minority investigators and
42 enhancing the scientific research capabilities of minority
43 institutions; and

44 WHEREAS, he became a member of the Senior Executive Service
45 in 1992 and received the Senior Executive Service Performance
46 Award in 1994; and

47 WHEREAS, during his 24-year tenure at the foundation, Dr.
48 Roosevelt Calbert collaborated to establish several
49 minority-targeted programs for the science, engineering and
50 mathematics education of minority groups and institutions that are
51 under-represented in these fields; and

52 WHEREAS, these minority-targeted programs form an important
53 part of the framework of the foundation's current efforts in the
54 science and engineering research and education of minority
55 students and faculty; and

56 WHEREAS, Dr. Roosevelt Calbert is a native of Philadelphia,
57 Mississippi, and is married with four children and six
58 grandchildren; and

59 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend and

60 recognize the exemplary service of its native citizens:

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
62 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
63 we do hereby commend Dr. Roosevelt Calbert for his many
64 contributions to the National Science Foundation and to the
65 education of minority students.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
67 furnished to Dr. Roosevelt Calbert and made available to the
68 Capitol Press Corps.