

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 657  
(As Adopted by House and 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.