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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING CAREER OF
2 SPORTSCASTER ROBIN ROBERTS.

3 WHEREAS, Robin Roberts, a native of Pass Christian,
4 Mississippi, began her broadcasting career while in college at
5 WHMD/WFPR Radio in Hammond, Louisiana, in 1980; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Roberts, a graduate from Pass Christian High
7 School, played basketball and, recently, her basketball number was
8 retired at the dedication of the gym at Pass Christian High
9 School; and

10 WHEREAS, a 1983 cum laude graduate of Southeastern Louisiana
11 University with a bachelor of arts degree in communications, Ms.
12 Roberts was also a remarkable performer on the women's basketball
13 team; and

14 WHEREAS, as a Southeastern Louisiana University Lady Lion,
15 Ms. Roberts ended her career as the school's third all-time
16 leading scorer with 1,446 points and rebounder with 1,084; and

17 WHEREAS, after graduating from college, Ms. Roberts worked as
18 a sports anchor and reporter for WLOX-TV in Biloxi, Mississippi,
19 and WDAM-TV in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, endearing herself to the
20 citizens of South Mississippi; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Roberts' parents live on the Mississippi Gulf

22 Coast, and that region proudly claims Ms. Roberts as one of its
23 star daughters; and

24 WHEREAS, from 1986 to 1988, Ms. Roberts served as sports
25 anchor and reporter for WSMV-TV in Nashville, Tennessee, where she
26 won the "Nashville Scene" Sportscaster of the Year Award in 1987;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Ms. Roberts worked for WAGA-TV in Atlanta, Georgia,
29 as a sports reporter, anchor and also a morning personality on
30 WVEE-FM, Atlanta's top-rated morning show; and

31 WHEREAS, having joined ESPN in February 1990, Ms. Roberts has
32 been one of the network's most versatile commentators, whose
33 assignments have included hosting Sportscenter, Sunday SportsDay,
34 contributing to NFL PrimeTime and providing reports and interviews
35 from the field; and

36 WHEREAS, in 1995, Ms. Roberts signed on with ABC's Wide World
37 of Sports, hosting such events as the summer and winter Olympics,
38 Wimbledon and NFL games; and

39 WHEREAS, Ms. Roberts also fills in for ABC's Diane Sawyer on
40 Good Morning America, hosts GMA's Sunday show and contributes to
41 ABC's newsmagazine 20/20; and

42 WHEREAS, Ms. Roberts has received numerous awards and honors
43 including receiving the annual Distinguished Achievement Award in
44 Broadcasting from the University of Georgia's DiGamma Kappa, the
45 nation's oldest professional broadcasting society in 1996; being
46 named to *Basketball Times* "Five Most Intriguing People in College
47 Basketball" list in 1997; the 1993 Excellence in Sports Journalism
48 Award for Broadcast Media; the Daughters of American Revolution
49 Television Award of Merit in 1990; and Women at Work Broadcast
50 Journalism Award in 1992; and

51 WHEREAS, in 1994, Ms. Roberts was inducted in the Women's
52 Institute on Sport and Education Foundation's Hall of Fame; and

53 WHEREAS, Ms. Roberts accepted the invitation of Katie Hester,
54 President of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, to
55 participate in the celebration of National Women in Sports Day on
56 February 4, 2000:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
59 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Ms. Robin Roberts upon her
60 outstanding career as a sportscaster and extend our heartiest
61 wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
63 furnished to Ms. Robin Roberts, Colonel Lawrence and Lucimarian
64 Roberts and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.