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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84  
(As Adopted by House)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE  
2 SOUTHEASTERN TRANSPORTATION SAFETY CENTER TO BE LOCATED IN  
3 MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, the Southeastern Transportation Safety Center to be  
5 located in Meridian, Mississippi, would serve as in intermodel  
6 emergency response training center for the Southeast region of the  
7 United States in surface transportation incident response and  
8 management; and

9 WHEREAS, using realistic rail-highway incident scenarios, the  
10 center would facilitate responder training, skills enhancement and  
11 preplanning procedures and for on-scene fire and rescue, law  
12 enforcement and emergency management personnel; and

13 WHEREAS, the training would emphasize the use of actual  
14 transportation equipment and facilities for instruction in  
15 advanced techniques for fire suppression, passenger rescue, law  
16 enforcement or emergency medical situations in passenger and  
17 freight transportation; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition, procedures critical to successful  
19 intermodel incident preplanning and risk assessment will also be a  
20 feature of training curriculum; and

21 WHEREAS, the facilities would include rail passenger  
22 equipment and trackage, a fully functional rail-highway grade  
23 crossing, a specially constructed low rails trestle for passenger  
24 rescue and hazardous materials training, and rail and motor  
25 carrier hazardous materials vehicles, including intermodel  
26 containers; and

27           WHEREAS, a distance learning capability would be established  
28 through an interactive web site to facilitate course enrollment,  
29 learning and data access by off-campus students throughout the  
30 Southeast region; and

31           WHEREAS, instruction in the application and use of the  
32 Operations Respond Emergency Information System would also be  
33 featured in both the on-campus and distant learning environments;  
34 and

35           WHEREAS, the center would offer comprehensive training for  
36 the emergency response community in the following specialized  
37 areas: Rail Passenger Fire Suppression, Rescue and Law  
38 Enforcement; Rail and Motor Carrier Hazardous Materials Safety and  
39 Incident Response Training; Operation Respond Rail and Motor  
40 Carrier Hazardous Materials and Rail Passenger Rescue Software  
41 Training and Development; Rail Highway Grade Crossing Safety  
42 Programs, Motor Carrier Driver, Rail Crew Training and School Bus  
43 Operator Training; and Comprehensive Intermodel Transportation  
44 Incident Preplanning On-Scene Management and Interagency  
45 Coordination:

46           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
48 THEREIN, That we do hereby support the creation of the  
49 Southeastern Transportation Safety Center to be located in  
50 Meridian, Mississippi.

51           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
52 furnished to Fire Chief H.C. Bunky Partridge and to the members of  
53 the Capitol Press Corps.