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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 97
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MISSISSIPPI SWEET
2 POTATO COUNCIL.

3 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Sweet Potato Council is an
4 educational, nonprofit organization of individuals interested in
5 promoting and building the sweet potato industry for Mississippi;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mississippi has 150 sweet potato producers, who
8 devote more than 10,500 acres of farmland to sweet potato
9 production; and

10 WHEREAS, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Humphreys, Pontotoc and
11 Yalobusha Counties are the top five sweet potato producing areas
12 in Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, Mississippi ranks third in number of acres planted
14 among sweet potato producing states and contributes \$24 million
15 to Mississippi's economy each year; and

16 WHEREAS, Mississippi hosts the National Sweet Potato Festival
17 each November in Vardaman; and

18 WHEREAS, in January 2000, Mississippi hosted the 38th Annual
19 United States Sweet Potato Council Meeting at Gold Strike in
20 Tunica, Mississippi, which had the highest attendance of sweet
21 potato growers in the history of the council; and

22 WHEREAS, Bobby Whitt, President of the Mississippi Sweet
23 Potato Council, has been elected to serve as the National
24 President of the Sweet Potato Council for 1999-2000:

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
26 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING

27 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
28 Mississippi Sweet Potato Council and extend our appreciation for
29 their promotion of the sweet potato industry in Mississippi.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
31 furnished to Bobby Whitt, President of the Mississippi Sweet
32 Potato Council, and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.