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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING W. DAVID PURVIS UPON BEING NAMED ONE
2 OF MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY'S DISTINGUISHED ENGINEERING
3 FELLOWS OF 2000.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. W. David Purvis, a 1983 graduate of Mississippi
5 State University, was named one of Mississippi State University's
6 Distinguished Engineering Fellows of 2000; and

7 WHEREAS, after graduation from Mississippi State University,
8 Mr. Purvis joined Shell Oil Company in New Orleans as a reservoir
9 engineer, where he worked with exploration and production in the
10 offshore Gulf of Mexico arena and participated in Shell's early
11 deepwater discoveries; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1990, Mr. Purvis moved to Houston, Texas, to
13 focus on carbon dioxide floods in Mississippi and Louisiana, later
14 serving as the planning manager for Shell's onshore operations and
15 area manager of West Texas operations; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Purvis has also had several assignments in
17 Shell's financial side, serving as an internal management
18 consultant of shareholder value and as the lead of the Equity
19 Determination Team in forming a joint venture exploration and
20 production company between Shell and Amoco; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. Purvis was named President and CEO of
22 Shell Noreast, Shell's oil and gas operations in the State of
23 Michigan; and

24 WHEREAS, recently, Mr. Purvis returned to New Orleans as
25 Shell's asset manager for producing operations in the Eastern Gulf
26 of Mexico; and

27 WHEREAS, in 1991, the College of Engineering at Mississippi
28 State University named 100 Distinguished Engineering Fellows as
29 part of the celebration of the college's 100th anniversary; and

30 WHEREAS, the program was reborn in 1999 with an addition of
31 10 new Distinguished Engineering Fellows, and eight more alumni
32 were added in 2000 including Mr. Purvis; and

33 WHEREAS, Mr. Purvis has been lovingly supported in all his
34 endeavors by his wife, Susanne, and their two children, Rebecca
35 and Timothy:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
38 commend and congratulate Mr. W. David Purvis upon being named one
39 of Mississippi State University's Distinguished Engineering
40 Fellows of 2000 and extend our heartiest wishes for success in all
41 his future endeavors.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
43 furnished to Mr. W. David Purvis and to the members of the Capitol
44 Press Corps.