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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 540
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF VICKSBURG,
2 MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY
3 CELEBRATION.

4 WHEREAS, Vicksburg, Mississippi, has long been a place that
5 holds the key to many hearts; and

6 WHEREAS, commemorating 175 years of the date of the charter
7 of this great city by the Mississippi Legislature is a remarkable
8 way to leap into the new millennium; and

9 WHEREAS, from the founding of Vicksburg by the Methodist
10 minister, Reverend Newet Vick in 1819, dreams and visions have
11 sailed Vicksburg to the heights we know today; and

12 WHEREAS, Vicksburg was born of the river -- the mighty
13 Mississippi River gave birth to this fertile land by bringing in
14 the French in 1698 to start Fort St. Pierre, the Spanish with the
15 naming of the bluffs "Nogales," and the British renaming the
16 rolling hills to "Walnut Hills"; and

17 WHEREAS, the "floating wedding cakes" or steamboats, as Mark
18 Twain called them, established Vicksburg among the cultured cities
19 of the South; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1863, Vicksburg kept a rendezvous with history,
21 her spirit in the War Between the States cost a high price, and it
22 left forever a history that will survive all time -- war can
23 destroy everything but the spirit within people; and

24 WHEREAS, from the ruins and from the ashes, Vicksburg rebuilt
25 and entered the era of the New South, and today boasts a city
26 established with the help of God and the vision of remarkable

27 people -- the recollection of what was and always will be is
28 astonishing and miraculous to this great city and state; and

29 WHEREAS, in 175 more years Vicksburg will still be great,
30 this celebration only marking the beginning of great things to
31 come, and it is with great civic pride that we commemorate this
32 event with one of Mississippi's most famous cities:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
34 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
35 we do hereby congratulate the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, on
36 the occasion of its septaquinquecentennial (175th)
37 celebration, and we wish the citizens of this "spectacular" city
38 175 more years of greatness.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
40 presented to the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Vicksburg
41 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.