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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 568

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR.
2 FRANK M. DAVIS UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED
3 STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
4 AFTER A 37-YEAR CAREER AS A RESEARCH ENTOMOLOGIST.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Frank M. Davis, a native of Greenwood,
6 Mississippi, is retiring from the United States Department of
7 Agriculture/Crop Science Research Laboratory where he also served
8 as Professor of Entomology at Mississippi State University after a
9 37-year career in the field of research entomology; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis began as an insect cotton inspector in the
11 Mississippi Delta in 1958, became a Graduate Teaching Assistant in
12 the Department of Entomology, Mississippi State University, from
13 1961-1963, advanced to Agricultural Research Tech in the ARS Corn
14 Insects Research Laboratory from 1963-1964, advanced to Research
15 Entomologist GS-11 in the Corn Insects Research Laboratory from
16 1965-1968, advanced to Research Entomologist GS-12 in the Plant
17 Science Research Laboratory from 1968-1974, advanced to Research
18 Entomologist GS-13 in the Crop Science Research Laboratory from
19 1974-1987, and since 1987 has served as Research Entomologist
20 GM-14 in the Crop Science Research Laboratory ARS/USDA at
21 Mississippi State University; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis has the following areas of Entomological
23 specialization: host plant resistance, insect-plant interactions,
24 insect rearing, insect biology and ecology, lepidopterous sex
25 pheromones, and crop protection by utilization of integrated pest
26 management principles; and

27 WHEREAS, he is presently or has been involved in the

28 following activities in professional and honorary societies:
29 Entomological Society of America, Southeastern Branch of
30 Entomological Society of America, Mississippi Entomological
31 Association, South Carolina Entomological Society, Southwest
32 Entomologist Society, Southern Corn Improvement Conference,
33 Interregional Corn Conference, Plant Resistance Workshop, Gamma
34 Sigma Delta, Phi Kappa Phi; and at Mississippi State University
35 has or has been involved in the following activities: Full Member
36 of Graduate Faculty, Professor of Entomology, Search Committee for
37 Forest Entomologist, Program Committee for Summer Institute on
38 Biological Control of Plant Insects and Diseases, Committee to
39 Develop Department of Entomology Graduate Program, Host Plant
40 Resistance Program; and he has taught some entomology courses at
41 the undergraduate and graduate level, and can boast of a long list
42 of highly qualified and distinguished graduate students who he has
43 tutored; and his publications and major research accomplishments
44 are a matter of record; and

45 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis also has committed himself to his church
46 and community, serving as elder, Sunday school teacher and
47 softball coach at Trinity Presbyterian Church, serving on his
48 homeowners' association, serving on the Starkville Planning
49 committee, serving as Co-president of the Starkville High School
50 PTA, and serving as Vice President of the Starkville Breakfast
51 Exchange Club; and

52 WHEREAS, Frank is married and has two sons and one daughter,
53 and it is with great pride that we recognize the long and
54 dedicated educational and community service of this citizen who
55 has brought honor to Mississippi State University, his community
56 and to the State of Mississippi:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
58 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
59 we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Frank M. Davis on the
60 occasion of his retirement from the United States Department of

61 Agriculture and Mississippi State University after a 37-year
62 career in research entomology, and we wish him continued success
63 in his future endeavors.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
65 presented to Dr. Frank Davis and his family, be forwarded to the
66 President of Mississippi State University and be made available to
67 the Capitol Press Corps.