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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 568  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

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.