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(19th), Lee

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 603  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ACTING CAREER OF  
2 COLLINS, MISSISSIPPI'S, GERALD MCRANEY.

3 WHEREAS, Gerald McRaney's popularity and longevity are best  
4 demonstrated by the fact that he has starred in network television  
5 series for over 18 years; and

6 WHEREAS, McRaney was born in Collins, Mississippi, but lived  
7 all over the Magnolia State when growing up; he became interested  
8 in acting when a football knee injury in junior high school  
9 sidelined him; he joined his school's drama club and went on to  
10 major in drama at the University of Mississippi; although he  
11 briefly segued from acting to the Louisiana oil fields, he landed  
12 a job as an assistant stage manager with a New Orleans repertory  
13 company and was eventually cast in some of its stage productions;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, McRaney made his television debut in an episode of  
16 "Night Gallery," then appeared in the series "Gunsmoke," "The  
17 Incredible Hulk," "The Rockford Files," "Police Woman" and "How  
18 the West Was Won"; his television credits also include the films  
19 "Not Our Son," "Deadly Vows" and the mini-series "Nothing Lasts  
20 Forever," all on the Network; and

21 WHEREAS, Gerald McRaney has starred in various CBS Television  
22 Network series, including eight years as private investigator Rick  
23 Simon in "Simon & Simon," four years as "Major Dad" and one year  
24 in "Central Park West," and his television credits also include a  
25 long string of highly rated films, including "1,000 Men and a  
26 Baby," "Someone She Knows," "A Stranger Beside Me" and "The People

27 Across the Lake"; and

28 WHEREAS, no one from McRaney's high school in Long Beach,  
29 Mississippi, would be surprised; the inscription in his yearbook  
30 reads, "Good luck with your acting," and was signed by most of the  
31 students; and

32 WHEREAS, McRaney and his wife, actress Delta Burke, return to  
33 Collins from time to time to help celebrate the Okatoma Festival,  
34 and the City of Collins has named a street after the actor; and

35 WHEREAS, he and his wife live in the Vieux Carre of New  
36 Orleans, and they also have a farm in Mississippi near where he  
37 was born; McRaney has three children: Jessica, Angus and Katy; he  
38 enjoys the outdoors and is an expert camper, hunter and fisherman;  
39 and

40 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
41 accomplishments of this respected actor, whose career has brought  
42 honor to his community and to the State of Mississippi:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
44 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
45 we do hereby commend the acting career of Collins, Mississippi's,  
46 Gerald McRaney, and wish him continued success in all of his  
47 future endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
49 presented to Gerald McRaney and his family, and be made available  
50 to the Capitol Press Corps.