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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 668

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER OF LT. COLONEL  
2 BRUCE BRELAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
3 PUBLIC SAFETY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS  
4 OF SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Breland of Richland,  
6 Mississippi, has announced his retirement as Deputy Director of  
7 the Mississippi Department of Public Safety in charge of Support  
8 Services; in this position, he oversees the day-to-day operations  
9 of the Division of Support Services which has approximately 63  
10 employees and is one of seven components under the Department of  
11 Public Safety umbrella; and

12 WHEREAS, commissioned as a trooper in 1969, Breland served in  
13 the Gulfport District in enforcement until 1975 when he became an  
14 Instructor at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training  
15 Academy; in 1980, Breland began working at the headquarters  
16 building in Jackson as Director of the Implied Consent Branch,  
17 becoming Director of the Driver Improvement Branch in 1982; in  
18 1986, he was promoted to Captain and assigned as Director of the  
19 Administrative Division of the Driver Services Bureau; in 1990,  
20 Breland was promoted to Major and placed in charge of Support  
21 Services, being elevated in rank to Lieutenant Colonel in 1992;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Breland graduated from Poplarville High School and  
24 from the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor's  
25 degree in Criminal Justice; he served aboard the U.S.S. Ault (D.D.  
26 698) Destroyer in the United States Navy from 1966-1968 holding  
27 the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class; he retired from the

28 Mississippi Army National Guard in 1991 with the rank of Captain  
29 in the Military Police Corp.; and

30 WHEREAS, Breland received special training in an instructor's  
31 course at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco,  
32 Georgia; special weapons and tactics training from the Federal  
33 Bureau of Investigation; defensive driving training at Somerville,  
34 Massachusetts; police firearms instruction from the U.S. Treasury  
35 Department; hazardous explosive devices training from Redstone  
36 Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama; civil disturbance training at Fort  
37 McCellen, Anniston, Alabama; and advanced scuba instructor's  
38 training at Jacksonville, Florida; and

39 WHEREAS, he is the son of Helen S. Breland and the late Hugo  
40 Breland of Poplarville, Mississippi; he is married to the former  
41 Rebecca Jo Quinn, daughter of Roy and Pearl Quinn of Richland;  
42 they are the parents of three daughters: Michelle, Karen and  
43 Robin, and one son, Brian; the Brelands are members of the  
44 Richland United Methodist Church; and

45 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the long  
46 public service of this dedicated law enforcement professional,  
47 whose expertise has enhanced the effectiveness of the Mississippi  
48 Highway Patrol and brought great credibility and honor to his  
49 department and to his state:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
52 we do hereby commend the career and public service of Colonel  
53 Bruce Breland, Deputy Director of the Mississippi Department of  
54 Public Safety, upon the occasion of his retirement after a 30-year  
55 career as a law enforcement professional, and wish him continued  
56 success in his future endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
58 presented to Bruce and his family, and be made available to the  
59 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Capitol Press Corps.