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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 668
(As Adopted by Senate)

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.