

By: Senator(s) White (29th), Canon,
 Hamilton, Chaney, King, Johnson (19th), Ross,
 Kirby, Michel, Robertson, Scoper, Moffatt,
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 Carmichael, Burton, Hyde-Smith, Dickerson, Thames, Harden, White (5th),
 Little, Stogner, Huggins, Farris, Browning

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 568

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING PRESIDENT BUSH'S
 2 APPOINTMENT AND SENATE CONFIRMATION OF SENATOR JOHN D. ASHCROFT
 3 (R-MO.) AS UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL.

4 WHEREAS, Missouri's junior Senator, former Attorney General,
 5 and former two-term Governor, John Ashcroft, is President George
 6 W. Bush's choice for United States Attorney General; and

7 WHEREAS, as the country's top prosecutor, the Attorney
 8 General wields broad powers as head of a 100,000-employee Justice
 9 Department encompassing the FBI, the Drug Enforcement
 10 Administration, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the
 11 network of U.S. attorney's offices nationwide; and

12 WHEREAS, born in Chicago in 1942, Ashcroft grew up in
 13 Springfield, Missouri, the son of a prominent minister and
 14 educator who played a key role in making the Assemblies of God one
 15 of the nation's largest Protestant denominations; he graduated
 16 from Hillcrest High School in Springfield; he earned an honors
 17 degree from Yale University in 1964, and a law degree in 1967 from
 18 the University of Chicago School of Law; a practicing attorney,
 19 Ashcroft was a professor at Southwest Missouri State University
 20 from 1968-1973, Assistant Attorney General of Missouri from
 21 1975-1976 and Attorney General from 1976-1984; he served as
 22 Missouri Governor from 1984-1992, was elected to the United States
 23 Senate in 1994 and was narrowly defeated by Governor Mel Carnahan;
 24 and

25 WHEREAS, Ashcroft has publicly stated: "You have my word
 26 that I will administer the Department of Justice with integrity, I

27 will advise your administration with integrity and I will enforce
28 the laws with integrity"; and

29 WHEREAS, he has recorded and toured as a gospel singer and
30 hews to his faith's dictates against drinking, smoking and
31 dancing; during his Senate tenure, Ashcroft was a baritone member
32 of a barbershop quartet, the Singing Senators, along with
33 Republican colleague Trent Lott from Mississippi; and

34 WHEREAS, he and his wife Janet live in Springfield, Missouri,
35 and they have three children: Martha, John and Andrew; and

36 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
37 professional and civic achievements and the appointment of an
38 individual with high integrity and character who is going to
39 enforce the law and believes deeply in the Constitution:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
41 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
42 we do hereby commend President Bush's appointment and the United
43 States Senate's confirmation of Senator John Ashcroft (R-Mo.) as
44 U.S. Attorney General and wish him continued success as he pursues
45 this new challenge.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
47 forwarded to John Ashcroft and his family and be forwarded to
48 members of Mississippi's congressional delegation, and be made
49 available to the Capitol Press Corps.