

By: Senator(s) Simmons, Hyde-Smith, Frazier, To: Rules  
Harden, Horhn, Walls

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 583

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING GRAND  
2 MASTER EDGAR BRIDGES, SR., FOR BEING ELECTED AS THE SOVEREIGN  
3 GRAND COMMANDER OF THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL, ANCIENT AND  
4 ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY, PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION,  
5 SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U.S.A., INC.

6 WHEREAS, Edgar Bridges, Sr., is a native of Monticello,  
7 Mississippi, and is the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful  
8 Stringer Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., Prince Hall Affiliation,  
9 Jurisdiction of Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, Edgar Bridges, Sr., has been elected Sovereign Grand  
11 Commander of the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted  
12 Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern  
13 Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc., with his headquarters in Washington,  
14 D.C., where he provides Masonic leadership for the Scottish Rite  
15 of Prince Hall Freemasonry for 22 continuous states of the United  
16 States of America and some of Western Europe and the Far East; and

17 WHEREAS, Edgar Bridges, Sr.'s dedication and altruism has  
18 benefited countless civic, community and educational organizations  
19 including: the United Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish  
20 Rite Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction; the Lawrence County  
21 Baptist Association; Lawrence County Extension Center of the  
22 Mississippi Baptist Seminary; Board of Trustees of McCullough High  
23 School; President's Advisory Council at Jackson State University;  
24 Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce; Educational and Recreational  
25 Association; Five County Child Development Head Start Program;  
26 Home Health Care Agency and Lawrence County Hospital; United Order  
27 of Odd Fellows of America and the Pearl River Baptist Church; and

28           WHEREAS, this loving father of eleven children has also been  
29 a modeled source of strength, compassion and counsel in the many  
30 lives that he has graciously touched:

31           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
32 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
33 we concur, honor and commend the inspirational life, generous  
34 contributions and rich legacy of Mr. Edgar Bridges, Sr., with our  
35 heartfelt gratitude for the immeasurable lifetime commitment and  
36 stability that he has provided in the quest for a better  
37 Mississippi and the call for a better society and goodwill among  
38 men, women and children, and congratulate him on his election as  
39 the Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council,  
40 Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall  
41 Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc.

42           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
43 presented to Edgar Bridges, Sr., and made available to the Capitol  
44 Press Corps.