

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.