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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE "3 DOORS DOWN" ROCK BAND FROM
2 ESCATAWPA, MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, the Coast's "3 Doors Down," rock band which
4 originated in Escatawpa, Mississippi, and made the hit song,
5 "Kryptonite," was named favorite new artist in the pop category at
6 the American Music Awards; and

7 WHEREAS, when radio station WCPR in Biloxi, Mississippi,
8 started getting phone calls for a song by a band from nearby
9 Escatawpa, the staff figured it was hearing from the group's
10 friends and relatives, but the song was "Kryptonite," and the
11 group was 3 Doors Down, a four-piece rock band whose beefy sound
12 and explosive dynamics generate a high-impact blend of modern
13 sonics and timeless rock conventions; and

14 WHEREAS, music has always been in the crosshairs for
15 singer-drummer Brad Arnold, bassist Todd Harrell and guitarists
16 Matt Roberts and Chris Henderson, longtime friends from Escatawpa,
17 each of whom felt the call early, particularly Arnold, who, as a
18 child, would "set up pots and pans when I was little, just beat on
19 stuff, whatever I could find."

20 WHEREAS, having older siblings, four sisters and two
21 brothers, gave the fledgling, utensil-banging drummer and his
22 friends a valuable musical grounding; through his brothers and
23 sister, he developed a taste for commercial rock before graduating
24 to heavier fare. "I kinda like everything," says Arnold.

25 "Everything influences me, everything I hear."

26 WHEREAS, the trio played its first gig at a friend's party,
27 and the three became four about two years ago, when Henderson, who
28 had played in previous bands with Harrell, was invited in to
29 bolster the group's sound; now they are five, having added drummer
30 Richard Liles, from nearby Hattiesburg, so Arnold can step out and
31 front the band. Meanwhile, the songs kept coming, and in 1997, 3
32 Doors Down recorded some demos. They pressed a CD to sell at
33 gigs, and fans flocked out to see them live, numbering more than
34 2,000 per show. That, coupled with the buzz generated by
35 "Kryptonite," brought major labels calling and sent the band to
36 New York City, where it showcased at the legendary CBGB's and was
37 signed by Republic/Universal; and

38 WHEREAS, all of the songs feature the dynamic interplay of
39 Roberts and Henderson's guitars atop the muscular rhythmic bed
40 provided by Arnold and Harrell, but ultimately, the bassist and
41 senior member of 3 Doors Down feels the sound is what says the
42 most about the group. "It's a rock 'n' roll band, straight up,"
43 Harrell explains. "It's not really alternative or metal or
44 anything, it's rock 'n' roll":

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the "3
47 Doors Down" rock band from Escatawpa, Mississippi, and wish them
48 continued success in their future musical endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
50 presented to 3 Doors Down and made available to the Capitol Press
51 Corps.