To: Rules

By: Senator(s) King, Hyde-Smith, Hewes, Johnson (19th), Thames, Gordon, Harvey, Kirby, White (29th), Moffatt, Frazier, Scoper, Michel, Mettetal, Dearing, Farris, Carmichael

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 556

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING JACK SCHUESSLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF WENDY'S INTERNATIONAL, INC., FOR HIS BUSINESS SUCCESS AND FOR THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF WENDY'S FRANCHISES TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, there are 66 Wendy's food franchises operating in Mississippi, employing approximately 2,000 Mississippi residents;

- 8 WHEREAS, John T. (Jack) Schuessler started his career with
- 9 Wendy's more than 25 years ago and has worked his way through the
- 10 operations ranks from single-store management to responsibility
- 11 for citywide, statewide and regional leadership of both company
- 12 and franchise businesses; and

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and

- WHEREAS, Schuessler currently serves as Chairman of the Board
- 14 and Chief Executive Officer, promoted in March 2000, from
- 15 President and Chief Operating Officer. He was named Chairman of
- 16 the Board in May 2001, and has been a member of Wendy's Board of
- 17 Directors since January 2000; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Schuessler received a Bachelor of Science degree
- 19 from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, and began his career
- 20 with Wendy's in 1974 as a Manager Trainee for a Wendy's franchisee
- 21 in Atlanta, Georgia. When the franchisees' restaurants were
- 22 acquired in 1976, he joined Wendy's International; and
- WHEREAS, he was promoted through the Wendy's organization,
- 24 holding the positions of District Manager, Director of Area
- 25 Operations and Regional Director in various markets throughout the
- 26 country. In 1983, Schuessler was promoted to Division Vice
- 27 President of Wendy's Eastern Division, then in 1987 was promoted
- 28 to Senior Vice President of the Northeast Region. He held that

- 29 position until February 1995 when he was named Executive Vice
- 30 President, U.S. Operations; and
- 31 WHEREAS, in February 1997, Schuessler assumed responsibility
- 32 for the day-to-day operations of Wendy's U.S. restaurants when he
- 33 was named President and Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Operations.
- 34 In 1999, he assumed responsibility for Wendy's of Canada; and
- 35 WHEREAS, Schuessler has received numerous operator awards
- 36 from the company, and in 1995, he was inducted in Wendy's Hall of
- 37 Fame. He has been a Trustee of Wendy's National Advertising
- 38 Program (WNAP), a group appointed by Wendy's franchisees to
- 39 provide strategic marketing counsel to the company; and
- 40 WHEREAS, Schuessler has been involved in Wendy's corporate
- 41 affairs efforts as Chairman of Wendy's Internal Government
- 42 Relations Task Force. He is a founding member of the Employment
- 43 Roundtable, an industry group comprised of top officers of
- 44 restaurant companies interested in influencing legislative efforts
- 45 on a national basis; and
- WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
- 47 contributions of this successful business and its Chief Executive
- 48 Officer to the economy of the State of Mississippi:
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
- 50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
- 51 we do hereby commend John T. (Jack) Schuessler, Chairman of the
- 52 Board and Chief Executive Officer of Wendy's International, Inc.,
- 53 for his business success and for the economic contributions of
- 54 Wendy's franchises to the State of Mississippi.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
- 56 Mr. Schuessler and his family, and be made available to the
- 57 Capitol Press Corps.