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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 581

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MICHAEL CAMERON (MIKE)
2 MOORE FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEGAL ADVOCACY RECORD AND DEDICATED
3 SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Michael Cameron (Mike) Moore is completing his
5 fourth 4-year term as Attorney General of the State of
6 Mississippi, and is viewed by colleagues around America with a
7 measure of respect and envy for his ability; and

8 WHEREAS, Michael Cameron Moore was born on April 3, 1952, in
9 Jackson, Mississippi. He received his Bachelor's of Arts Degree
10 and Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Mississippi. In
11 1979, at age 26, Mike Moore was elected as Mississippi's youngest
12 District Attorney representing Jackson County, where he was the
13 first Mississippi District Attorney to create a drug education
14 program for the students in his district; and

15 WHEREAS, Mike Moore ran successfully for Attorney General in
16 1987. As Attorney General, Mike continued his efforts to prevent
17 children from getting involved with drugs. In 1994, General Moore
18 filed suit on behalf of the State of Mississippi against the
19 tobacco companies. In the first suit of its kind, one of the
20 goals was to stop the tobacco industry from marketing its products
21 to children. In 1997, a \$4 Billion settlement was reached for
22 Mississippi. In addition to the settlement amount, General Moore
23 negotiated a separate payment for a program aimed at reducing
24 tobacco use among Mississippi youths, which is presented through
25 schools, churches, school nurses, afterschool programs and other
26 youth activities. There has also been a corresponding effort by
27 the Attorney General's Office to prosecute those who sell tobacco



28 to minors. The results have been a drastic reduction in tobacco
29 use by our children, thereby ensuring that lives will be saved and
30 the quality of those lives improved; and

31 WHEREAS, General Moore was the first Attorney General to
32 successfully secure the passage of legislation for the creation of
33 a White Collar Crime Division in the Attorney General's Office, as
34 well as legislation for the creation of a statewide grand jury
35 system. He was the first Attorney General to secure legislation
36 for the criminal prosecution of those who abuse the elderly in
37 nursing homes and other vulnerable adults; and

38 WHEREAS, General Moore was selected by his peers to be
39 President of the National Association of Attorneys General in
40 1998. He chose as his national initiative addressing "school
41 violence," with the three main focuses of afterschool programs,
42 mentoring programs and juvenile justice alternative programs; and

43 WHEREAS, through General Moore's efforts, the number of Boys
44 & Girls Clubs has doubled in our state and is now the eleventh
45 largest in the country. He is also responsible for a Communities
46 in Schools Program, an AmeriCorps Program, the Juvenile Drug Court
47 Program, and the Teen Court and Art Therapy Pilot Programs in the
48 state. Through a partnership with the Department of Education,
49 General Moore is working to improve the alternative school program
50 in the state and to create a truancy prevention program. He
51 established a public awareness campaign for a safe drop-off place
52 for newborns to prevent mothers and other family members from
53 otherwise harming their infants. He created the first Pediatric
54 Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program to train doctors and nurses
55 how to testify about sexual crimes perpetuated against children;
56 he has also spearheaded the formation of the first Cyber Crime
57 Center in the state to train law enforcement how to investigate
58 and prosecute computer crimes, and he founded the Mississippi
59 Mentoring Network, which provides technical assistance to



60 community mentoring programs and provides scholarships to
61 graduating seniors; and

62 WHEREAS, he is recognized nationally, and the following is a
63 partial list of his awards: Public Official of the Year,
64 *Governing Magazine*, 1998; Presidential Citation, American
65 Association for Health Education, 1998; Lawyer of the Year,
66 *National Law Journal*, 1997; One of *People Magazine's* 25 Most
67 Intriguing People of the Year, 1997; Alton Oschner Medical
68 Foundation Award Relating Smoking and Health, 1997; American
69 Medical Association's Dr. Nathan Davis Award, 1997; American
70 Cancer Society Distinguished Service Award, 1996; American College
71 of Chest Physicians, Partnering for World Health Award, 1996;
72 Wyman Award, given by members of the National Association of
73 Attorneys General to the Attorney General, who through
74 distinguished achievement has done the most to advance the stature
75 of the Office of Attorney General, 1994; Ten Outstanding Young
76 American's Award, National Jaycees, 1992; Award of Meritorius
77 Achievement, American Heart Association, 2001; American Legacy
78 Foundation Award, 2001; Child Health Advocate Award, American
79 Academy of Pediatrics, 2000; National Excellence in Public Health
80 Award for Significant Contribution and Outstanding National
81 Leadership in Public Health, Association of State and Territorial
82 Health Officials, 2000; Golden Plate Award, American Academy of
83 Achievement, 2000; and Dr. Charles H. Hudson Award for
84 Cardiopulmonary Public Health, American Respiratory Care
85 Foundation, 1999; and

86 WHEREAS, Mike Moore has provided firm, effective and
87 constructive leadership, coupled with a keen understanding of the
88 issues facing Mississippi, therefore the Office of Attorney
89 General is stronger now than it was when he arrived; and

90 WHEREAS, Mike Moore has indicated that he will retire at the
91 expiration of his present term in order to spend time with his



92 wife, Letitia, and his son, Kyle, and to devote more time to the
93 practice of law; and

94 WHEREAS, the members of this Legislature wish to express
95 sincere appreciation to Mike Moore for his many outstanding
96 accomplishments and record of dedicated public service:

97 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
98 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
99 we do hereby commend Attorney General Mike Moore for his
100 outstanding record of legal advocacy and his unmatched
101 contributions to the people of the State of Mississippi, and
102 extend to him the best wishes of the Legislature in his future
103 endeavors.

104 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
105 Mike Moore and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

