MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representatives Lott, Akins, Chism, Fillingane, Hamilton (6th), Mayhall, Moore, Rogers (14th) To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 55

A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OF THE 1 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORT TO PROTECT 2 3 THE UNITED STATES FROM TERRORISTS AND THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS 4 OF MASS DESTRUCTION. 5 WHEREAS, in the immortal words of former President Franklin 6 Delano Roosevelt, "When you see a rattlesnake poised to strike, you do not wait until he has struck before you crush him"; and 7 WHEREAS, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, showed 8 9 that new deadly challenges have emerged from rogue states and 10 terrorists; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction has fundamentally changed the nature of threats against the United States and our allies; and

14 WHEREAS, a coordinated chemical, biological or nuclear attack 15 against the United States or our allies will cost the lives of 16 millions of innocent Americans and other individuals, as well as 17 cause immeasurable damage to the United States and world economy; 18 and

19 WHEREAS, the United States can not wait patiently and allow 20 radical regimes that support terrorism to acquire or manufacture 21 illegal weapons of mass destruction and pass them on to terrorist 22 organizations; and

23 WHEREAS, if the United States does not meet this terrorist 24 threat in the streets of Baghdad and Kandahar, Americans will be 25 forced to fight them in Boston and Kansas City; and

26 WHEREAS, President Bush has correctly stated that the United 27 States has the right to defend the United States or our allies if 28 the world community refuses to enforce the rule of law to deter or H. R. No. 55 *HR12/R2191* N1/2 04/HR12/R2191 PAGE 1 (DJ\DO) 29 remove future threats from tyrannical regimes and proliferation of 30 weapons of mass destruction:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That the House of
33 Representatives requests that the representatives and senators
34 from our state support President Bush and his efforts to keep the
35 United States and our allies safe from terrorists, dangerous
36 authoritarian regimes and weapons of mass destruction.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be 38 furnished to Mississippi's Congressional Delegation and to the 39 members of the Capitol Press Corps.