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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 604

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATOR BILLY HEWES UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS
3 INSTALLATION AS THE 2004 NATIONAL CHAIRMAN FOR THE AMERICAN
4 LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL (ALEC).

5 WHEREAS, in December, 2003, two thousand four hundred (2,400)
6 members of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)
7 welcomed and congratulated Mississippi State Senator William G.
8 "Billy" Hewes III on his installation as the 2004 ALEC National
9 Chairman; and

10 WHEREAS, ALEC is the nation's largest nonpartisan, individual
11 membership organization of state legislators, and is dedicated to
12 developing model policies based on the Jeffersonian principles of
13 free markets, limited government, federalism and individual
14 liberty. As 2004 ALEC National Chairman, Senator Hewes will head
15 the 23-member Board of Directors and will be responsible for
16 setting the policies and priorities for the 2,400-member
17 association of state legislators. He will also serve on the
18 Legislative Leaders Health Care Forum and the Telecommunications
19 Committee; and

20 WHEREAS, "Senator Hewes is a proven leader in his home State
21 of Mississippi, and he will serve ALEC well as National Chairman,"
22 said outgoing 2003 National Chairman Louisiana Representative
23 Donald Ray Kennard; and

24 WHEREAS, as a Mississippi State Senator, Hewes is the new
25 Chairman of the Highways and Transportation Committee and serves
26 on Ports and Marine Resources, Finance, Insurance, Business and
27 Financial Institutions, Economic Development and Tourism and
28 Parks, Environmental Protection, Conservation and Water Resources,

29 Municipalities, Public Health and Welfare and Public Utilities
30 committees. Senator Hewes was appointed by Lt. Governor Amy Tuck
31 to the Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee and
32 the Standing Joint Legislative Committee on Reapportionment; and

33 WHEREAS, as an insurance and real estate agent, Senator Hewes
34 is past President of the Gulfport Jaycees, the Gulf Coast
35 Association of Life Underwriters and the University of Southern
36 Mississippi Harrison County Alumni Association. Active in his
37 community, Hewes is a member of the Gulfport Rotary Club, the Gulf
38 Coast Board of Realtors and the Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce.
39 He is a delegate of the American Council of Young Political
40 Leaders and a Council of State Governments Henry Toll Fellow.
41 Presently serving as Chairman of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries
42 Commission, Hewes has been recognized as the Conservation
43 Legislator of the Year by Mississippi Wildlife Federation and the
44 Gulf Coast Conservation Association; and

45 WHEREAS, Senator Hewes was officially installed at the ALEC
46 States and Nation Policy Summit in Phoenix, Arizona, during the
47 week of December 17, 2003. Held annually in December, the States
48 and Nation Policy Summit offers state legislators the opportunity
49 to interact with some of America's most influential public and
50 private sector leaders to discuss several of the most critical
51 issues facing the nation and states; and

52 WHEREAS, ALEC's far-reaching national network of state
53 legislators that crosses geographic and political boundaries, and
54 affects all levels of government, is without equal. No other
55 organization in America today can claim as many valuable assets -
56 both people and ideas - that have influence on as many key
57 decision-making centers. Well over 100 ALEC members hold senior
58 leadership positions in their state legislatures, while hundreds
59 more hold important committee leadership positions. Twelve
60 sitting governors are alumni of ALEC, and more than 80 members of
61 Congress are former ALEC members; and

62 WHEREAS, Senator Hewes and wife, Paula, are the proud parents
63 of four children, Katie, Sarah, Gardner and Samuel; and

64 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
65 position gained by one of our own Mississippi legislators, whose
66 commitment to this respected national association brings honor to
67 his community and to the State of Mississippi:

68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
69 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
70 we do hereby commend and congratulate Mississippi State Senator
71 Billy Hewes upon the occasion of his installation as the 2004
72 National Chairman for the American Legislative Exchange Council,
73 and extend to him and his family the best wishes of the
74 Legislature as he accepts the challenges of the upcoming year.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
76 Senator Billy Hewes, forwarded to ALEC and be made available to
77 the Capitol Press Corps.