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 Burton, Kirby, Nunnelee, Clarke, Jackson  
 (15th), Frazier, Jordan, King, Butler,  
 Albritton, Jackson (11th), Flowers, Morgan,  
 Moffatt, Simmons, Chamberlin, Lee (47th),  
 Walley, Wilemon, Dearing, Hyde-Smith, Brown,  
 Browning, Carmichael, Dawkins, Gollott,  
 Harvey, Lee (35th), Little, Mettetal,  
 Pickering, Ross, Thames, Thomas, Turner,  
 Walls, White, Williamson

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.