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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 552

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SUCCESSFUL MUSIC
 2 CAREER AND CIVIC DEDICATION OF COUNTRY MUSIC SUPERSTAR AND
 3 MISSISSIPPI NATIVE FAITH HILL, CHAIRPERSON OF THE NEW MISSISSIPPI
 4 ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER (MAEC).

5 WHEREAS, country music superstar Faith Hill has become the
 6 new honorary chairperson for the Mississippi Arts and
 7 Entertainment Center (MAEC), to be located in Meridian,
 8 Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Hill, a native of Star, Mississippi, has sold
 10 nearly 30 million records worldwide and has celebrated thirteen #1
 11 chart positions and eighteen #1 videos. Her last two releases,
 12 1999's *Breathe* and 2002's *CRY* both debuted at #1 on Billboard's
 13 Top Album Chart and Country Chart. Her sixth studio album is
 14 slated for release later this year. Ms. Hill is a multiple Grammy
 15 Award winner, Country Music Association, Academy of Country Music,
 16 American Music Award, People's Choice Award-winning musician; and

17 WHEREAS, Faith brings a national awareness to the project,
 18 stating "I am proud to be from Mississippi, and this is an
 19 exciting time for our state. I am looking forward to chairing the
 20 honorary committee for this crucial project for the State of
 21 Mississippi. It is important to not only celebrate our great
 22 heritage, but to look to the future and the realization of the
 23 MAEC"; and

24 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center will
 25 celebrate the lives and works of the state's most accomplished
 26 artists, while nurturing the creative genius of new generations.
 27 It will feature a Hall of Fame, a lakeside amphitheater, a concert
 28 hall, an artists-in-residence village, a Choctaw cultural center

29 and support facilities such as restaurants, shops and broadcasting
30 studios. Ms. Hill has been a member of the Center's Honorary
31 Committee since its inception in 2002. Other members of that
32 committee include Lance Bass, Jimmy Buffett, Morgan Freeman, John
33 Grisham, B.B. King, Leontyne Price, Charley Pride, Britney Spears,
34 previous Chair Sela Ward and Jim Henson's Kermit the Frog; and

35 WHEREAS, Faith Hill's ten-year career has marked one of the
36 entertainment industry's most successful and steady climbs to the
37 top. Collectively her two top releases have sold in excess of 13
38 million copies to date. Her ability to draw television audiences
39 nationwide is evidenced by the success of her own network
40 television specials; she continues to grace the cover of an
41 eclectic mix of magazines; she performed the National Anthem at
42 Super Bowl XXXIV and has also performed at almost every major
43 award show, and Faith has starred in numerous motion pictures; and

44 WHEREAS, Faith is a most visible talent despite her business
45 schedule and family obligations (she is married to country star
46 Tim McGraw and the couple have three girls, Maggie, Audrey and
47 Gracie); and

48 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
49 unparalleled vocal talent and popularity of this Mississippian
50 whose success, in addition to her music business, has brought
51 positive recognition to our state:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
54 we do hereby commend the successful music career of country music
55 superstar and Mississippi native, Faith Hill, and for her role as
56 Ambassador for the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center in
57 Meridian, Mississippi, and extend to her the greetings and best
58 wishes of the Legislature on her future endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
60 Faith Hill and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.