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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 580

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR.
2 MORGAN FREEMAN FOR RECEIVING THE ACADEMY AWARD FOR BEST ACTOR IN A
3 SUPPORTING ROLE.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan Freeman received the Academy Award
5 (Oscar) for Best Actor in a Supporting Role at the 77th Annual
6 Academy Awards held on Sunday, February 27, 2005, in Hollywood,
7 California; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman was nominated for his role in "Million
9 Dollar Baby," which won best picture; in this movie Morgan plays
10 Eddie Scrap-Iron Dupris, an ex-boxer who sees the spark of
11 determination in a young waitress' desire to become a fighter; and

12 WHEREAS, this is the fourth Academy Award nomination for
13 Morgan Freeman. He was previously nominated for: The Shawshank
14 Redemption (1994) - Nominee, Actor in a Leading Role; Driving Miss
15 Daisy (1989) - Nominee, Actor in a Leading Role; and Street Smart
16 (1987) - Nominee, Actor in a Supporting Role; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan Freeman, a native of Mississippi, is one
18 of the most successful and highly respected actors in the
19 entertainment industry; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman, born in Memphis, Tennessee, on June 1,
21 1937, graduated from high school in Greenwood, Mississippi, in May
22 of 1955; and

23 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Mr. Freeman moved
24 to California to study dance and theatre arts at Los Angeles City
25 College; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1967, Mr. Freeman made his Broadway debut with
27 Pearl Bailey in "Hello Dolly!"; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman became nationally known when he created
29 the popular character, "Easy Reader" on the highly praised
30 children's show, "The Electric Company"; and throughout his
31 career, Mr. Freeman has received many awards for many of his
32 performances including a Tony Award, the Clarence Derwent Award,
33 Drama Desk Award, Obie Award, the Dramalogue Award and many
34 others; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman has not only been successful in
36 television and the theatre, but has a long list of film credits in
37 addition to his nominated roles, which include movies such as
38 "Brubaker," "Eyewitness," "Harry & Sons," "Teachers," "Clean &
39 Sober," "Johnny Handsome," "Glory," and "Chain Reaction"; and

40 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman was seen in the David Brown production
41 and thriller, "Kiss the Girls"; starred in the Steven Speilberg
42 production, "Amistad," as abolitionist Theodore Jackson; took the
43 lead in Paramount's adventure film "Hard Rain," opposite Christian
44 Slater; played the President of the United States in the box
45 office hit, "Deep Impact"; and starred in "Nurse Betty" along with
46 Renee Zellweger and Chris Rock and began shooting his next
47 thriller, "High Crimes"; and

48 WHEREAS, in 1993, Mr. Freeman made his film directorial debut
49 with "Bopha!," starring Danny Glover and Alfre Woodard, and soon
50 after formed Revelations Entertainment, a production company
51 developing entertainment product in all existing and emerging
52 media; and

53 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman has partnered with Bill Lockett in the
54 restaurant business as the two opened the upscale restaurant
55 called Madidi in the old 8,000 square foot Landry's Building
56 located in downtown Clarksdale, Mississippi; and

57 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
58 stellar accomplishment by an actor who brings great honor and
59 serves as an Ambassador for the State of Mississippi:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
61 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
62 we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Morgan Freeman for
63 receiving the Academy Award for Best Actor in a Supporting Role at
64 the 77th Annual Academy Awards presentation, and extend to him and
65 his family the best wishes of the Legislature for his future
66 successes.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
68 Mr. Freeman and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.