

By: Representative Miles

To: Sel Cmte on Hurricane
Recovery

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
2 WAIVE ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE OR LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS AND ALL
3 TIME LIMITS IN WHICH TO COMPLETE EMERGENCY WORK FOR DAMAGE TO THE
4 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CAUSED BY OR RESULTING FROM HURRICANE
5 KATRINA.

6 WHEREAS, on the 29th day of August, 2005, the Gulf Coast
7 region of the State of Mississippi was devastated by Hurricane
8 Katrina, a storm of historic proportions; and

9 WHEREAS, there was great loss of life and property as a
10 result of said storm; and

11 WHEREAS, the direct and indirect damage to the public
12 infrastructure of the State of Mississippi and the local
13 communities in the affected counties was immense; and

14 WHEREAS, damage estimates are now in the hundreds of millions
15 of dollars; and

16 WHEREAS, due to the enormity of the damage, normal state and
17 local procurement processes are inadequate to allow response in a
18 timely manner; and

19 WHEREAS, the extent of the damage is such that the tax base
20 of both the local communities and the state at large will be
21 adversely affected; and

22 WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Mississippi, Governor
23 Haley Barbour, has officially requested that the President of the
24 United States waive all requirements for state or local matching
25 funds and operating assistance restrictions for projects to
26 restore the public infrastructure within the State of Mississippi
27 and provide one hundred percent federal funding for these
28 projects; and

29 WHEREAS, Governor Haley Barbour additionally has requested
30 that the President of the United States waive all time limitations
31 in federal assistance programs for a period of twenty-four months,
32 and the president has acceded to this request:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
35 THEREIN, That the Congress of the United States of America is
36 urged and requested to support the president's waiver of time
37 limitations in federal assistance programs relating to the
38 devastation created by Hurricane Katrina, waive all requirements
39 for state or local matching funds and operating assistance
40 restrictions for projects to restore the public infrastructure
41 within the State of Mississippi, provide one hundred percent
42 federal funding for these projects and enact all legislation
43 necessary to accomplish these purposes.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 furnished to President George W. Bush, the President of the United
46 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
47 Representatives, members of the Mississippi Congressional
48 Delegation, Governor Haley Barbour and members of the Capitol
49 Press Corps.