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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING HURRICANE
2 KATRINA VICTIMS OF MISSISSIPPI AND LOUISIANA FOR THEIR DISPLAY OF
3 COURAGE, BRAVERY AND SELF-DETERMINATION TO SUSTAIN.

4 WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina unleashed its
5 fury on the States of Mississippi and Louisiana, uprooting
6 families from their places of abode, destroying their safe havens
7 of spiritual refuge and shaking their religious faiths; and

8 WHEREAS, even in the midst of the turmoil and seemingly
9 unanswerable uncertainties, the spirit of brotherly love and
10 Christian fortitude proved itself true in the display of courage,
11 bravery and self-determination sustained by the victims of
12 Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi and Louisiana; and

13 WHEREAS, it is because of this unwavering resilience of those
14 affected in our dear Mississippi and neighboring sister-state,
15 Louisiana, that we recognize, honor and commend these victims, who
16 are not only victims, but survivors; and

17 WHEREAS, humanity as never before seen, has been personified
18 through the most ordinary of individuals to the vanguard of the
19 elite, as evidenced in a smiling face to lift one's countenance, a
20 helping hand extended to pick up the broken pieces, a willingness
21 to walk a mile in another's shoes and a heart that bleeds at the
22 misfortune of our fellowmen:

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
25 THEREIN, That we do hereby express our gratitude, our sympathy,
26 our understanding, but above all, our love to all of those whose

27 lives were touched by the effects of Hurricane Katrina, and pray
28 for them:

29 Courage to withstand the unforeseeable features of nature,
30 the bravery to hold on and survive and the self-determination to
31 sustain and rebuild.

32 To those who fled with uncertainty, no direction home,
33 misplaced and no vision of tomorrow, we honor you.

34 The children, estranged, crying and unable to understand why,
35 but holding on to the memories of before in distant
36 lands--dreaming and telling unveiled stories of confusion and
37 recognizable love and kindness shown from all over the world as a
38 result of Katrina for years to come--and then will Katrina be
39 compared to her reigning predecessor, Camille, and documented as
40 unparalleled history.

41 And to those who lost their lives, may your souls rest in the
42 comforts of eternal peace as with the sand, water and winds on the
43 calmest coastal day.

44 To God be the glory. To all we honor.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
46 furnished to members of the Mississippi Legislature and to the
47 members of the Capitol Press Corps.