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To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE EMPLOYEES OF THE  
2 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR THEIR ZEAL, DEVOTION AND DEDICATION RENDERED  
3 IN ASSISTING FAMILIES IN THE WAKE OF THE AFTERMATH CAUSED BY  
4 HURRICANE KATRINA.

5 WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005, the forces of nature unleashed  
6 its fury on the Mississippi Coastal region in the form of a  
7 spiraling storm, which became known and feared as Hurricane  
8 Katrina; and

9 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the devastation and turmoil  
10 caused by Hurricane Katrina, our state's commander in chief, the  
11 Honorable Governor Haley Reeves Barbour, seized the reins, leading  
12 in the humanitarian effort of recovery and relief, along with  
13 First Lady Marsha Barbour who contributed countless hours of hard  
14 work, making personal contact with those most affected; and

15 WHEREAS, following the initiative of their leader, the  
16 Governor's staff rolled up their sleeves and worked relentlessly,  
17 tirelessly and selflessly to assist in the recovery, relief and  
18 rebuilding efforts of the regions impacted by Hurricane Katrina;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the unceasing outpouring of compassion and sympathy  
21 of these individuals who left their families behind to aid those  
22 in distress are testaments of the warmth, care and concerns  
23 Mississippians share for one another; and

24 WHEREAS, being at ground zero, the mere presence of these  
25 employees, some known and others unknown, eased the surmounting  
26 tensions, soothed the broken hearted and restored hope to  
27 thousands whose lives and memories of what used to be, were all  
28 but washed away with the raging winds and waters; and

29           WHEREAS, these individuals, who stepped out of an oasis of  
30 calm and normalcy into a sea of utter despair almost unfathomable  
31 to behold, in efforts of rekindling the flame of life are: Marsha  
32 Barbour, Ryan Annison, Wayland Adams, Nora Blake Albert, Mary  
33 Alice Browning, Luis Bruno, Joe Buckner, Buddy Bynum, Linda Byrd,  
34 Neely Carlton, Debbie Carney, Brenda Dean, Jason Dean, Joey  
35 Denson, Rachael Ellis, Cora Gee, Laura Beth Hebbler, Paul Hurst,  
36 Steve Janzen, Lee Jenkins, Andrew Ketchings, Dorothy Kuykendall,  
37 Mary Lorenz, Parks McNabb, Daryl Neely, Joe Nosef, Jim Perry,  
38 Charles Pittman, Norma Price, Darlene Ratliff, Ginny Roberts, John  
39 Rounsaville, Ann Sisk, Pete Smith, Rebekah Staples, Kathryn  
40 Stewart, Nicole Stofer, Adam Todd, Kay Troxler, Lillie Turnage,  
41 Max Wells and Charlie Williams; and

42           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend and  
43 recognize the efforts of the humble individuals who gave of their  
44 time and their labor to extend the unsurpassable gesture of  
45 brotherly love to their fellowman:

46           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
48 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the employees of the Governor's  
49 Office for their zeal and devotion to assisting families in the  
50 wake of Hurricane Katrina's aftermath.

51           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
52 furnished to the Governor's staff and to the members of the  
53 Capitol Press Corps.