

By: Representatives Reynolds, Dedeaux,
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE MISSISSIPPI
2 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO VIGOROUSLY SUPPORT THE FULL
3 APPROPRIATION OF PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED THIRD-YEAR HAVA FUNDING IN
4 THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$6 MILLION AND FOR ADDITIONAL MONIES
5 FOR DISASTER RELIEF FOR THE ELECTIONS INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE STATE
6 OF MISSISSIPPI THAT HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY HURRICANE KATRINA.

7 Whereas, the United States Congress has authorized the
8 distribution of approximately \$34 million to the State of
9 Mississippi over a three-year period to defray the costs
10 associated with implementation of the Help America Vote Act of
11 2002; and

12 Whereas, third-year funding for these authorized
13 distributions amounting to approximately \$6 million has not yet
14 been appropriated and has, therefore, not been received by the
15 State of Mississippi; and

16 Whereas, Hurricane Katrina destroyed much of the elections
17 infrastructure in many counties in the State of Mississippi struck
18 by this storm, including the destruction of polling places and
19 damage to courthouses and to election equipment and records, and
20 the extent of said damage is not yet known; and

21 Whereas, Hurricane Katrina has severely curtailed revenue to
22 the State of Mississippi making the need for third-year HAVA
23 funding even more acute; and

24 Whereas, even had the hurricane not struck Mississippi, there
25 was already a pressing need for funds to purchase additional
26 voting machines for the counties of the state in order for them to
27 fully comply with the federally mandated requirements of HAVA; and

28 Whereas, without third-year federal funding in the authorized
29 amount of approximately \$6 million, those counties struck by

30 Hurricane Katrina can not possibly comply with HAVA by the January
31 1, 2006, deadline:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
34 respectfully urge the Mississippi Congressional Delegation to
35 vigorously support the full appropriation of previously authorized
36 third-year HAVA funding in the State of Mississippi in the amount
37 of approximately \$6 million and for additional monies for disaster
38 relief for the elections infrastructure of the State of
39 Mississippi that has been damaged or destroyed.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
41 furnished to the Mississippi Congressional Delegation and to the
42 members of the Capitol Press Corps.