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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ELECTRIC POWER
2 ASSOCIATIONS OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THEIR COMMITMENT, DILIGENCE AND
3 FOR A JOB WELL DONE IN RESTORING POWER TO THE CITIZENS OF THE
4 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOLLOWING HURRICANE KATRINA.

5 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Katrina's looming fury and
6 widespread devastation, countless thousands of Mississippi
7 residents from the southernmost to the northernmost reaches of the
8 state were literally left in the dark; and

9 WHEREAS, with more than 1.6 million customers depending on
10 87,811 miles of electric distribution lines, Mississippi's
11 electric power associations suffered a severe blow as a result of
12 Katrina, leaving more than 704,537 Mississippians without power,
13 which accounts for 71% of its customer base; and

14 WHEREAS, but as resilient and determined as their many loyal
15 customers were to resume the routine activities of normal everyday
16 living, EPAs across the state sprung into action to restore power
17 to their customers; and

18 WHEREAS, more than 10,000 emergency work crews from
19 Mississippi and 21 states assisted in electric service restoration
20 to all 25 EPA districts in the state with more than 50,000 utility
21 poles totally destroyed; and

22 WHEREAS, sleeping in school gymnasiums, co-op offices, a
23 warehouse, church buildings and a huge "tent city" erected for
24 them on the coast, these individuals worked around the clock, day
25 and night, to get services restored; and

26 WHEREAS, some employees, being victims of the extensive
27 outage themselves, left their families in order to be of

28 assistance to their fellow Mississippians, exhibiting the values
29 and character of southern hospitality in action; and

30 WHEREAS, in addition to our own native sons and daughters, we
31 are gratefully appreciative to the cooperative support lent to us
32 by our sister states in the restoration efforts, including:

33 Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa,
34 Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, North
35 Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and
36 Virginia; and

37 WHEREAS, it is because of the unique composition of this
38 group of elite individuals that Mississippi is as diverse and
39 enticingly welcoming as any other provocative state in the nation,
40 truly a diamond in the rough; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
42 and commend the men, women and businesses who gave of their time,
43 service and compassion to help their fellowman:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
46 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the Electric Power Associations
47 of Mississippi and their cooperative colleagues for their
48 commitment, diligence and for a job well done in restoring power
49 to the citizens of the State of Mississippi following Hurricane
50 Katrina.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
52 furnished to each electric power association in the state and to
53 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.