

By: Representatives Ellis, Smith (59th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING ENTERGY MISSISSIPPI, INC.,
2 FOR ITS DILIGENCE, COMMITMENT AND SUCCESS IN RESTORING POWER TO
3 WESTERN MISSISSIPPI AFTER HURRICANE KATRINA.

4 WHEREAS, Entergy Mississippi, Inc., demonstrated untiring
5 commitment, diligence and service to its customer base, as well as
6 the state as a whole, by restoring power in an efficient and
7 prompt manner after Hurricane Katrina; and

8 WHEREAS, Entergy Mississippi, Inc., which is led by its
9 dedicated President and Chief Executive Officer, Carolyn C.
10 Shanks, faced the daunting task of restoring electricity to its
11 301,000 customers who cover 45 counties in Western Mississippi;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, after Hurricane Katrina devastated Mississippi on
14 August 29, 2005, 74% of Entergy's Mississippi customers were left
15 with no electric service; and

16 WHEREAS, Entergy Mississippi, Inc., had 1,500 distribution
17 poles down, 300 miles of conductor down, 121 transmission line
18 sections down and 85 substations out of service; and

19 WHEREAS, despite all of the overwhelming challenges Entergy
20 Mississippi, Inc., faced, it took only 11 days after Hurricane
21 Katrina hit the coast for Entergy Mississippi, Inc., to have 100%
22 of its customer base back online; and

23 WHEREAS, the incredible feat of restoring power to customers
24 in Mississippi could not have occurred without the employees of
25 Entergy Mississippi, Inc., along with 4,200 outside personnel from
26 20 states, who helped Entergy Mississippi, Inc., restore power in
27 such an efficient and prompt manner; and

28 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
29 and commend excellence such as exhibited by Entergy Mississippi,
30 Inc., in its excellent work restoring power to the citizens of
31 Mississippi during such a trying and dark time in this great
32 state's history:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
35 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Entergy Mississippi, Inc., and
36 its President and CEO, Carolyn C. Shanks, for their tireless
37 efforts in ensuring that power was restored, which in turn helped
38 those citizens in Mississippi, devastated by Hurricane Katrina, to
39 begin the healing process.

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