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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 93

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ANHEUSER-BUSCH
2 COMPANIES FOR THE EXTENSIVE AND GENEROUS AID THE COMPANY HAS
3 PROVIDED TO HURRICANE VICTIMS ON THE GULF COAST.

4 WHEREAS, Anheuser-Busch has provided outstanding and much
5 needed assistance over the years to the people of the State of
6 Mississippi in the wake of numerous hurricanes which have battered
7 the coastal region; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2005, the relief efforts of Anheuser-Busch
9 following Hurricane Katrina were truly remarkable and included
10 providing canned water, financial support, transportation and
11 trucking, police support, packaging materials, clothing supplies
12 and employee volunteers; and

13 WHEREAS, Anheuser-Busch supported many relief agencies
14 providing aid to the devastated region, including the American Red
15 Cross, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Salvation Army
16 and numerous local agencies; and

17 WHEREAS, with amazing foresight, before the start of the 2005
18 hurricane season, Anheuser-Busch staged more than 70,000 cases of
19 water near the Gulf Coast in order to be prepared to send needed
20 water to affected areas immediately; and

21 WHEREAS, after Hurricane Katrina made landfall, the logistics
22 network, freight carriers and the state's Anheuser-Busch
23 wholesaler family worked with government officials and relief
24 agencies to find routes into areas of need to deliver water to
25 storm victims; and

26 WHEREAS, four Anheuser-Busch locations devoted a portion of
27 their capacity to canning water, and Anheuser-Busch Companies

28 donated 9,400,000 cans of water to relief efforts in response to
29 Hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Ophelia, Rita and Wilma, which amounts
30 to more than 300,000 cases, or 180 truckloads of water, of which
31 more than 137,000 cases were donated in Mississippi; and

32 WHEREAS, total contributions from Anheuser-Busch, its
33 Foundation, wholesalers and employees amounted to more than
34 \$3,800,000.00, including a \$1,000,000.00 donation from the
35 Anheuser-Busch Foundation to the Red Cross, more than
36 \$1,000,000.00 donated by the company's independent wholesalers to
37 the Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, more than
38 \$300,000.00 from Anheuser-Busch employees, and \$1,000,000.00 in
39 matching funds from Anheuser-Busch to the Red Cross for donations
40 from wholesalers and employees; and

41 WHEREAS, in addition, the total value of goods donated
42 amounted to approximately \$1,000,000.00, including the donation by
43 Metal Container Corporation, a subsidiary of Anheuser-Busch, of
44 all cans and lids for packaging of the water provided; and

45 WHEREAS, the company's St. Louis employees were authorized to
46 take up to five days of paid leave to assist in relief efforts in
47 St. Louis; and

48 WHEREAS, Anheuser-Busch has been helping disaster victims
49 since 1906, when company founder, Adolphus Busch, donated money to
50 relief agencies to help victims of the San Francisco earthquake,
51 and since then the company has been one of the first to respond
52 with aid to victims of natural disasters:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
54 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
55 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Anheuser-Busch Companies for
56 the prompt support and aid it provided to the citizens of
57 Mississippi after the hurricanes of 2005 and express sincere
58 gratitude for the many donations which the company made following
59 these catastrophic natural disasters.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
61 furnished to August A. Busch III, Chairman of Anheuser-Busch, and
62 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.