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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.