

By: Representative Janus

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 116

1 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE PEOPLE OF
2 AUSTRALIA FOR THEIR GENUINE CONCERN FOR AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
3 PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HURRICANE KATRINA.

4 WHEREAS, immediately following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the
5 Honorable Australian Prime Minister, John Howard, and the General
6 Consul of Australia, and United States Ambassador to Australia,
7 Dennis J. Richardson, acting through the Office of His Excellency,
8 took massive steps to secure much needed relief supplies for the
9 people of the great State of Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, three days after Katrina's landfall, the Australian
11 Government offered to make available to the United States two
12 specialist emergency managers to assist with the community
13 recovery phase of the response to the natural disaster which
14 engulfed the Gulf Coast; and

15 WHEREAS, on day four, 48 hours out from perhaps the most
16 devastating storm of the century, the Australian Government again
17 proved their loyalty and concern for the United States, announcing
18 a donation of \$10 million to assist the victims of Hurricane
19 Katrina; and

20 WHEREAS, the donation aided the American Red Cross, which was
21 at the forefront of assisting those displaced and left homeless in
22 a disaster zone spanning 145,000 square kilometers; and

23 WHEREAS, often at the helm of international aid efforts to
24 help less fortunate nations, the United States was now in a
25 vulnerable situation, needing aid, and it was only a fitting and
26 proper humanitarian gesture of the Australian Government to

27 contribute to the daunting task of aiding thousands of American
28 citizens whose lives had been thrown into disarray; and

29 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mississippi House of
30 Representatives to officially thank Australia's Prime Minister,
31 the Australian General Consul and its people for their genuine
32 heartfelt concern:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
35 extend our sincerest thanks and respect to the Prime Minister, the
36 Australian General Consul and the Australian people, whose actions
37 and contributions following the destruction wrought by Hurricane
38 Katrina served to provide much needed help to the State of
39 Mississippi, thereby immediately improving the lives of countless
40 Mississippians during their time of great need.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 furnished to the Honorable Australian Prime Minister, John Howard,
43 and the General Consul of Australia, and United States Ambassador
44 to Australia, Dennis J. Richardson, and to the members of the
45 Capitol Press Corps.