

By: Senator(s) Moffatt, Robertson, Gollott, Hewes, Dawkins, Cuevas, Lee (47th) To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 599

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ANHEUSER-BUSCH
2 COMPANIES FOR THE EXTENSIVE AND GENEROUS AID THE COMPANY PROVIDED
3 TO HURRICANE VICTIMS ON THE GULF COAST IN 2005.

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, with amazing foresight, before the start of the 2005
17 hurricane season, Anheuser-Busch staged more than 70,000 cases of
18 water near the Gulf Coast in order to be prepared to send needed
19 water to affected areas immediately; and after Hurricane Katrina
20 made landfall, the logistics network, freight carriers and the
21 state's Anheuser-Busch wholesaler family worked with government
22 officials and relief agencies to find routes into areas of need to
23 deliver water to storm victims; and

24 WHEREAS, four Anheuser-Busch locations devoted a portion of
25 their capacity to canning water, and Anheuser-Busch Companies
26 donated 9,400,000 cans of water to relief efforts in response to
27 Hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Ophelia, Rita and Wilma, which amounts

28 to more than 300,000 cases, or 180 truckloads of water, of which
29 more than 137,000 cases were donated in Mississippi; and

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

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

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

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

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

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
59 transmitted to August A. Busch III, Chairman of Anheuser-Busch,
60 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.