

By: Senator(s) King, Chaney, Hewes, Morgan

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

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

5 WHEREAS, immediately following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the  
6 Honorable Consul General of Italy in Miami, Gianfranco Colognato,  
7 and Italy's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, acting through the Office  
8 of His Excellency, the Italian Ambassador Sergio Vento in  
9 Washington, took massive steps to secure much needed relief  
10 supplies for the people of the great State of Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, the much needed supplies were assembled immediately,  
12 without hesitation, and flown directly from Italy to the United  
13 States by two Italian military C-130 aircrafts; and

14 WHEREAS, the supplies, nearly 40 tons of real help for the  
15 State of Mississippi, included baby food and formula, foodstuffs,  
16 cots, sheets, blankets, suction pumps, self-inflating rafts,  
17 chlorine tablets and, among other items, personal health kits  
18 sufficient to supply the needs of 12,000 to 15,000 Mississippians  
19 for 48 to 72 hours; and

20 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mississippi State Senate to  
21 officially thank Italy's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the  
22 Italian Republic and its people for their genuine heartfelt  
23 concern:

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
25 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend our sincerest thanks and  
26 respect to the Italian Republic, Italy's Ministry of Foreign  
27 Affairs and the Italian people, whose actions and contributions  
28 following the destruction wrought by Hurricane Katrina served to

29 provide real help to the State of Mississippi, thereby immediately  
30 improving the lives of countless Mississippians during their time  
31 of great need.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be furnished to  
33 the Honorable Consul General of Italy in Miami, Gianfranco  
34 Colognato, Italy's Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Office  
35 of His Excellency, the Italian Ambassador Sergio Vento in  
36 Washington, and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.