

By: Representatives Mims, Myers, Cockerham,
Beckett, Bounds, Moak, Morgan, Vince

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY FOR
2 RECEIVING THE RON BROWN AWARD FOR CORPORATE LEADERSHIP FOR ITS
3 DISASTER RESPONSE EFFORTS WHICH CONCENTRATED IN MISSISSIPPI'S
4 COASTAL COMMUNITIES.

5 WHEREAS, Weyerhaeuser Company, one of the world's largest
6 integrated forest products companies, incorporated in 1900, was
7 presented the 2006 Ron Brown Award for Corporate Leadership at a
8 White House ceremony on November 29, 2006, in recognition of its
9 disaster relief efforts following the 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes,
10 specifically its guide, *Rebuilding a Community: An Employer's*
11 *Guide to Assisting Employees in Disaster*; and

12 WHEREAS, Weyerhaeuser's disaster response efforts provided a
13 guide to helping employees in crisis anchored by an on-site
14 liaison and unprecedented loaned-employee program, and has been
15 lauded by Homeland Security as the gold standard for disaster
16 relief programs and serves as a benchmark by relief organizations;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, in the days following Hurricane Katrina, which
19 became the nation's worst natural disaster after it hit the Gulf
20 Coast August 29, 2005, Weyerhaeuser established a senior
21 management committee, authorized donations of cash and building
22 materials and appointed an experienced disaster coordinator, and
23 more than a year after Katrina, the company remains at work
24 helping Gulf Coast communities with combined disaster relief and
25 support totaling more than \$2.8 million to date; and

26 WHEREAS, within days after the disaster, Weyerhaeuser's
27 disaster coordinator was in coastal Mississippi advocating for

28 impacted employees and retirees, serving as a liaison with relief
29 agencies and insurance companies; and

30 WHEREAS, the company established its unique loaned-employee
31 program, which covers salaries plus the costs of travel and up to
32 60 days of living and meal expenses for employees who participate
33 in rebuilding projects for employees, retirees and community
34 members; and

35 WHEREAS, more standard programs were established to help the
36 128 impacted Weyerhaeuser families, including professional
37 counseling, an adopt-a-family and employee-to-employee donation
38 fund; and

39 WHEREAS, working with North Carolina Baptist Builders,
40 Weyerhaeuser's loaned-employee rebuilding work has centered around
41 three Mississippi communities where the company has operations:
42 Long Beach/Gulfport, McComb and Magnolia, Mississippi, in addition
43 to the New Orleans area, where retirees suffered damage; and

44 WHEREAS, to date, approximately 300 employees and retirees
45 from across the United States and Canada have volunteered more
46 than 42,000 hours and helped rebuild 50 homes as part of the
47 loaned-employee program; and

48 WHEREAS, Weyerhaeuser's comprehensive disaster relief efforts
49 following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita not only earned the forest
50 products company national acclaim through the receipt of a
51 national corporate award, but demonstrated the company's
52 citizenship commitment to making a difference in the communities
53 where employees live and work; and

54 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
55 and commend the commitment of corporate employers, such as
56 Weyerhaeuser Company's magnanimous efforts to make themselves
57 completely available to aid its employees, retirees and the
58 communities in which these individuals reside:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
60 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING

61 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Weyerhaeuser
62 Company upon receiving the 2006 Ron Brown Award for Corporate
63 Leadership at a White House ceremony on November 29, 2006, in
64 recognition of its disaster relief efforts, and extend a most
65 heartfelt appreciation for helping our fellow Mississippians
66 weather the storm and express warmest wishes for continued success
67 in all its future endeavors.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
69 furnished to the Weyerhaeuser Company and to the members of the
70 Capitol Press Corps.