

By: Representatives Coleman (29th), Norquist To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MR. DAVID ABNEY ON
2 BEING NAMED CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE UNITED PARCEL SERVICE,
3 INC., AND COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF YOUNG
4 MISSISSIPPIANS AND FOR HIS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF DELTA STATE
5 UNIVERSITY.

6 WHEREAS, in January 2007, a great honor was bestowed upon Mr.
7 David Abney when a global icon, the United Parcel Service, Inc.
8 (UPS), an international package delivery company, promoted him as
9 the company's chief operating officer; and

10 WHEREAS, as chief operating officer of this international
11 company, he also assumes the role of President of UPS Airlines;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, 51-year-old Mr. Abney will be responsible for
14 international operations, United States package operations, global
15 transportation, labor and all freight activities; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Abney is a homegrown Mississippian who was born
17 in Cleveland, Mississippi, reared in Greenwood, Mississippi, and
18 graduated from Delta State University in 1976 with a bachelor of
19 business administration degree; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Abney began his career with UPS as a part-time
21 employee on its loading dock while he was a student at Delta State
22 University, and upon graduation, he accepted a job at UPS to drive
23 one of its delivery vehicles within Mississippi; and

24 WHEREAS, by the mid-1980s, he served as a manager of UPS's
25 busy hub, feeder and air division office in Jackson, Mississippi,
26 and went on to serve in various capacities in the company,
27 including the role of Utah district manager, as well as directing
28 various freight and logistics operations in the United States,

29 Canada and Latin America, until 2002, when he went on to serve as
30 the President of UPS International; and

31 WHEREAS, he believes that his values of a tenacious
32 commitment to hard work, to the community, and to integrity were
33 learned while he was a student at Delta State University and are
34 the same values shared by his 32-year employer, which in his
35 opinion are fundamental to each organization's longevity; and

36 WHEREAS, although Mr. Abney's worldwide responsibilities
37 require him to travel the globe, he carves out time to go back
38 home and share insight with young Mississippians at his alma
39 mater, Delta State University; and

40 WHEREAS, because of Mr. Abney's appreciation for the values
41 he learned as a college student, he has a love of Delta State
42 University that has motivated him to become a member of the Delta
43 State University Foundation Board of Directors and the founder and
44 donor of the David Abney International Business Symposium held
45 annually at the university as a way to educate and expose students
46 to international issues; and

47 WHEREAS, over the past few years, Mr. Abney has been a
48 featured speaker on global trade at leading forums including: the
49 World Economic Forum in Davos, the Executives Club of Chicago and
50 Fudan University in Shanghai; and

51 WHEREAS, during these forums, he often tells of his two
52 favorite discussion sessions that happened to occur at Delta State
53 University: in 2005, he spoke to students as part of Delta
54 State's "College of Business Lecture Series," and in 2006, he
55 sponsored a two-day International Business Symposium at Delta
56 State for which he secured as symposium guest speakers colleagues
57 who are leading global economy experts from the academic and
58 business communities; and

59 WHEREAS, an avid college football fan, Mr. Abney is
60 passionate about sharing his experiences in global business with
61 Delta State University students and young Mississippians, and he

62 believes that their futures and that of their home state will
63 depend on embracing new opportunities and realities presented by a
64 21st century global economy; and

65 WHEREAS, on August 28, 2007, Mr. Abney will celebrate UPS's
66 100th year of business operations, growing from a \$100.00 firm in
67 1907 to a \$47 Billion company last year; and

68 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
69 and commend those homegrown individuals who are successful
70 businessmen and maintain an interest in the future of young
71 Mississippians and give back so much to their Mississippi alma
72 mater:

73 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
74 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
75 THEREIN, That we do hereby congratulate Mr. David Abney on being
76 named Chief Operating Officer of the United Parcel Service, Inc.,
77 and commend him for his interest in the future of young
78 Mississippians and for his continued support of Delta State
79 University.

80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
81 furnished to Mr. David Abney and to the members of the Capitol
82 Press Corps.