

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 550

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING RESPONSE
3 TO HURRICANE KATRINA.

4 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Rural Water Association is a
5 nonprofit organization established in 1978 to aid small towns and
6 rural community water and wastewater systems through training and
7 on-site technical assistance, and their assistance is geared
8 toward the management, operation and maintenance of water and
9 wastewater systems and to aid them in understanding the rules and
10 regulations regarding such operation; and

11 WHEREAS, for years, the Mississippi Rural Water Association
12 has provided water and wastewater training and technical
13 assistance to the small towns and rural communities in all 82
14 Mississippi counties; and

15 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Rural Water Association promotes
16 water conservation and protection through public awareness
17 campaigns and technical assistance activities, and they produce
18 and mail thousands of information pieces each year to keep
19 industry and government leaders up-to-date on issues important to
20 the rural water and wastewater industries, thus aiding in the
21 development of effective regulations; and

22 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Rural Water Association has
23 contracts through the National Rural Water Association,
24 Mississippi State Department of Health, Mississippi State
25 Revolving Fund and South Eastern Technical Assistance Center; and

26 WHEREAS, during Hurricane Katrina, the Mississippi Rural
27 Water Association's staff collectively worked many thousands of

28 hours assisting water and wastewater systems to return them to
29 working condition in order for the citizens of Mississippi to have
30 potable drinking water and wastewater; and

31 WHEREAS, the staff of the Mississippi Rural Water Association
32 is still providing water and wastewater technical assistance to
33 systems affected by Hurricane Katrina; and

34 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Rural Water Association won the
35 prestigious Platinum Pump for Excellence in Rural Water Response
36 at the National Rural Water Association's Annual Tribute to
37 Excellence Awards Ceremony held in Dallas, Texas, for their
38 efforts following Hurricane Katrina; and

39 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature and the citizens of
40 Mississippi will never forget the immediate response and continued
41 dedication by the staff of the Mississippi Rural Water Association
42 following this great disaster which befell our state, and these
43 extraordinary individuals merit a special measure of commendation
44 for their commitment to the people of Mississippi in our time of
45 need:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
48 we do hereby commend the personnel of the Mississippi Rural Water
49 Association for outstanding and highly effective efforts during
50 and after Hurricane Katrina, express enduring gratitude and
51 appreciation for the thousands of hours spent by these workers
52 testing water and wastewater systems in order for the people of
53 Mississippi to have potable drinking water, and express
54 appreciation to these wonderful individuals for their remarkable
55 assistance to their fellow citizens in an historic time of need.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
57 transmitted to Mr. Pete Boone, Executive Director of the
58 Mississippi Rural Water Association, and be made available to
59 members of the Capitol Police Corps.