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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.