

By: Senator(s) Carmichael

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 579

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING OFFICER
2 ROXY WALLACE, HOUSING UNIT ONE CONTROL OFFICER AT EAST MISSISSIPPI
3 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, FOR BEING SELECTED AS THE GEO NORTH AMERICA
4 "EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR" FOR 2006.

5 WHEREAS, East Mississippi Correctional Facility (EMCF) is
6 honored to have one of its own employees, Officer Roxy Wallace,
7 awarded GEO Group, Inc. (North America) "Employee of the Year" for
8 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Wallace began her employment at EMCF on
10 August 9, 1999. She knows her job and performs it with pride and
11 confidence. She is viewed by her co-workers as an outstanding
12 role model; and

13 WHEREAS, GEO Group, Inc., is under contract with the
14 Mississippi Department of Corrections to manage and operate the
15 East Mississippi Correctional Facility, which houses up to 875
16 medium security and mental health adult male inmates, an increase
17 of 125 inmates from the previous contract year; and

18 WHEREAS, Roxy Wallace serves as the Housing Unit One Control
19 Officer at the East Mississippi Facility. Since being employed at
20 the facility from 1999 to the present, Officer Wallace's
21 attendance has been perfect. As the Unit One Control Officer she
22 has a high degree of responsibility as she controls all doors to
23 the Maximum Security Unit. Officer Wallace has assisted the
24 administration in developing the Housing Unit One Control Post.
25 Utilizing her input, the facility has streamlined the operations
26 of this post. She was instrumental in designing the camera layout
27 as well as the video monitoring equipment. She also assisted in
28 developing the unit movement and activity schedule; and

29 WHEREAS, Officer Wallace has always been willing to take on
30 any and all tasks presented to her by the supervisors. She has
31 served as Perimeter Officer, Transport Officer and Picket Officer.
32 She is always fair, firm and consistent with the inmates as well
33 as the staff. When performing her daily security duties, she
34 enforces the policies and procedures. Officer Wallace goes above
35 and beyond to perform her duties effectively and efficiently; and

36 WHEREAS, she was selected Officer of the Month in October
37 2005 for outstanding leadership; and

38 WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina was a traumatic experience for
39 everyone; however, after completing more than 24 hours at EMCF,
40 Officer Wallace worked for more than 48 hours at a local nursing
41 home helping the elderly evacuees from Louisiana; and

42 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize this
43 accomplishment by a professional, dedicated employee who has
44 inspired inmates and employees alike and has set high standards
45 for other Mississippians to follow:

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 and congratulate Officer Roxy Wallace,
49 Housing Unit One Supervisor at East Mississippi Correctional
50 Facility, for being selected as the GEO Group, Inc. (North
51 America) "Employee of the Year" for 2006, and extend to her and
52 her family the best wishes of the Legislature in her future
53 endeavors at EMCF.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
55 Officer Roxy Wallace, be forwarded to John Hurley, Sr., Vice
56 President of GEO Group, Inc., and be made available to the Capitol
57 Press Corps.