

By: Senator(s) Dearing, Clarke, Simmons,
Walls, Posey, Morgan, Jackson (11th), Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 617

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DAVID ABNEY OF CLEVELAND,
2 MISSISSIPPI, ON BEING NAMED CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF UNITED
3 PARCEL SERVICE (UPS) AND FOR HIS SUPPORT OF DELTA STATE
4 UNIVERSITY.

5 WHEREAS, native Mississippian David Abney was elevated to the
6 post of Chief Operating Officer at United Parcel Service, Inc.
7 (UPS), a package delivery company based in Atlanta, Georgia, in
8 January 2007. Additionally, Abney assumes the role of President
9 of UPS Airlines; and

10 WHEREAS, in his new role, 51-year-old Abney will be
11 responsible for international operations, U.S. package operations,
12 global transportation, labor and all freight activities; and

13 WHEREAS, Abney joined UPS in 1974 as a part-time
14 loader/unloader and served in various capacities. He has served
15 as the President of UPS International since 2002. Abney has
16 worked in U.S. package operations, including the role of Utah
17 District Manager, as well as directing various freight and
18 logistics operations in the United States, Canada and Latin
19 America; and

20 WHEREAS, David was born in Cleveland, Mississippi, and reared
21 in Greenwood, Mississippi. He is a 1976 graduate of Delta State
22 University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, and
23 a member of the Delta State University Foundation Board of
24 Directors; and

25 WHEREAS, David is founder and donor of the David Abney
26 International Business Symposium held annually at Delta State as a
27 way to educate and expose students to international issues; and

28 WHEREAS, David's worldwide responsibilities require him to
29 travel the globe, but he carves out time to go back home and share
30 insight with young Mississippians at his Alma Mater, Delta State
31 University. Over the past couple of years, David has been a
32 featured speaker on global trade at leading forums, including:
33 the World Economic Forum in Davos, the Executives Club of Chicago
34 and Fudan University in Shanghai. Two of his favorite discussion
35 sessions occurred at Delta State University. In 2005, David spoke
36 to students as part of Delta State's "College of Business Lecture
37 Series." In 2006, David sponsored a two-day International
38 Business Symposium at Delta State. He secured as symposium guest
39 speakers colleagues who are leading global economy experts from
40 the academic and business communities; and

41 WHEREAS, David is an avid college football fan; and

42 WHEREAS, David is passionate about sharing his experiences in
43 global business with Delta State students and young
44 Mississippians. He believes their futures and that of their home
45 state will depend on embracing the new opportunities and realities
46 presented by a 21st Century global economy. David began his UPS
47 career while a Delta State University student, working part time
48 on the loading dock. Upon graduation, he accepted a job offer to
49 drive a UPS delivery vehicle (package car) in the area. In the
50 mid-1980s, David served as a manager in UPS's busy Hub, Feeder and
51 Air Division office in Jackson, Mississippi; and

52 WHEREAS, David believes that the values he learned while a
53 student at Delta State -- a tenacious commitment to hard work, to
54 the community and to integrity -- are values shared by his 32-year
55 employer, UPS. They are values that are fundamental to each
56 organization's longevity; and

57 WHEREAS, this year, UPS celebrates its 100th year of business
58 operations, growing from a \$100.00 firm in 1907 to a \$47 Billion
59 company last year; and

60 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
61 Mississippian for his senior leadership role at one of America's
62 most successful entrepreneurial business success stories, and for
63 the honor he has brought to his university, community and state:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
65 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
66 we do hereby commend Mr. David Abney, a native of Cleveland,
67 Mississippi, on being named Chief Operating Officer of United
68 Parcel Service Inc. (UPS), and we applaud his interest in the
69 future of young Mississippians and his continued support of Delta
70 State University, extending the best wishes of the Legislature to
71 him and his family for continued success in all of their
72 endeavors.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
74 David Abney, forwarded to the President of Delta State University
75 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.