

By: Senator(s) Dawkins

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 635

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2007,  
2 AS "MISSISSIPPI EARTH DAY SUNDAY: GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR GIFT OF  
3 ENERGY" AND URGING ALL STATE AGENCIES AND CITIZENS TO BE ENERGY  
4 STEWARDS.

5 WHEREAS, many congregations in Mississippi celebrate Earth  
6 Day Sunday to praise the beauty of God's creation by focusing on a  
7 particular environmental issue and in answering God's gift of  
8 everyone to be faithful stewards of creation; and

9 WHEREAS, the world's scientists agree that "Global Warming"  
10 is real, here and happening faster than anyone predicted, but  
11 scientists also say we can curb "Global Warming" and its  
12 consequences if bold, comprehensive action is taken now that adds  
13 up to an 80% cut in carbon emissions by 2050. That's a realistic  
14 2% cut each for year for each of the next 40 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Sierra Club activists are mobilizing nationally to  
16 call for local solutions to "Global Warming." People from all  
17 walks of life are meeting to ask local and state government  
18 officials to cut carbon dioxide emissions 2% per year for the next  
19 40 years, a total of 80% reductions by 2050; and

20 WHEREAS, in some states, volunteers are asking the public to  
21 sign a petition pledging to be part of the 2% solution and agree  
22 to help build a cleaner, smarter, safer energy future and combat  
23 "Global Warming" by:

- 24 • Making energy and money-saving choices as a consumer;
- 25 • Increasing the energy efficiency of car and home;
- 26 • Asking local utility to provide clean, renewable  
27 energy-like wind and solar power;

28           • Asking local and state governments to adopt strong  
29 policies to reduce local carbon emissions;

30           • Educating candidates for state and federal office to take  
31 a position on clean energy strategies and technologies that will  
32 create new jobs, build our economy, and put America on track to  
33 meet a 2% reduction in carbon emissions per year; and

34           WHEREAS, our state should take the first step to do our part  
35 by beginning to find ways to embrace smart energy solutions in the  
36 home, families pledge to take steps to replace light bulbs with  
37 compact fluorescents and keep car's tires properly inflated to  
38 improve gas mileage; and

39           WHEREAS, to reach our goal, to build a cleaner, smarter and  
40 safer energy future and meet and overcome the most urgent  
41 challenge facing us, all Americans and Mississippians must make  
42 different, better decisions about the energy we use at home, at  
43 work and as a nation and state:

44           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
45 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
46 we do hereby designate Sunday, April 22, 2007, as "Mississippi  
47 Earth Day Sunday: Good Stewards of Our Gift of Energy" and urge  
48 all state agencies and citizens to be energy stewards and to focus  
49 on this critical national issue.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall be  
51 disseminated by the Department of Environmental Quality and the  
52 State Board of Health by appropriate public service advertisements  
53 and shall be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.