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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 642

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MORGAN FREEMAN FOR HIS
2 PRIDE IN MISSISSIPPI, AS EXPRESSED IN THE NEW BOOK, "PROUD TO CALL
3 MISSISSIPPI HOME" AND CHARLES MCKELLAR AS EXECUTIVE EDITOR.

4 WHEREAS, Morgan Freeman has written the Title Essay for the
5 new book "Proud to Call Mississippi Home" that chronicles the
6 lives of such famous Mississippians as Walter Anderson, Faith
7 Hill, William Faulkner, Elvis Presley and Oprah Winfrey, and also
8 features a host of other "unsung heroes" whose efforts shed such a
9 positive light on our state; and

10 WHEREAS, Morgan Freeman's Title Essay in this book expresses
11 his honest and positive pride for his home state that can have a
12 significant impact in changing the negative images of Mississippi;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Morgan Freeman provided the inspiration that moved
15 Executive Editor Charles McKellar to create the concept for this
16 book when he saw the Academy Award-winning actor in a CNN
17 television interview talking favorably about his home in
18 Mississippi; and

19 WHEREAS, Morgan Freeman said during that interview: "People
20 asked me when I moved back home, they said, 'Oh my God,
21 Mississippi, well, you could live any place in the world you want.
22 Why are you moving to Mississippi?'" And I said, "Precisely
23 because I can live any place in the world I want"; and

24 WHEREAS, Charles McKellar took his inspiration and created
25 the concept for and registered the Trademark for the new book
26 "Proud to Call Mississippi Home" and served as Executive Editor

27 for the 464-page full-color book produced by Image Publishing,
28 Inc., that is a best seller; and

29 WHEREAS, Morgan Freeman has given generously of his time and
30 talents to serve unofficially as Goodwill Ambassador for
31 Mississippi and has not missed any opportunities to tell the
32 positive story of our state in this new book and in the national
33 media:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
35 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
36 we do hereby commend the life and public service of Morgan Freeman
37 to the People of Mississippi and name him as the Official Goodwill
38 Ambassador for the State of Mississippi and invite him and his
39 family to the State Capitol to be honored by the Governor and both
40 houses of the Mississippi Legislature and by all people who are
41 Proud to Call Mississippi Home.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
43 Morgan Freeman and his family, to Charles McKellar and his family,
44 and be made available to the news outlets throughout the nation
45 and the Capitol Press Corps.