

## Senate Amendments to House Concurrent Resolution No. 108

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after line 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 WHEREAS, in 2000, visionaries from the Northeast Mississippi  
6 Counties of Pontotoc, Union and Lee formed the PUL Alliance in  
7 response to the Advantage Mississippi legislation that was passed  
8 by the Legislature in August 2000; and

9 WHEREAS, the coalition of these counties that began seven  
10 years ago, helped to facilitate the 2007 deal with Toyota that  
11 will result in a \$1.5 Billion investment and the creation of over  
12 2,000 jobs by Toyota in Blue Springs; and

13 WHEREAS, the coalition worked together to have the  
14 Legislature enhance the original Advantage Mississippi legislation  
15 by revising it to allow neighboring counties to create  
16 partnerships that share expenses and revenues related to an  
17 economic development project, instead of limiting those expenses  
18 to the city or county in which the project was located; and

19 WHEREAS, these counties again worked with the Legislature to  
20 improve the Advantage Mississippi legislation to allow these new  
21 partnerships to exist over multiple projects and not be limited to  
22 a one time short term deal, and this change was critical to the  
23 formation of the PUL Alliance which allowed them to plan as a  
24 region and lay the foundation for the current Toyota project; and

25 WHEREAS, the PUL Alliance suffered a setback in 2003 when it  
26 lost a Toyota Tundra plant to San Antonio, Texas, but used this  
27 experience as a catalyst to improve the Wellspring site to better  
28 fit Toyota's needs; and

29           WHEREAS, Toyota explained that two things were necessary to  
30 improve the site: engineering information on the site and land  
31 ownership control; and

32           WHEREAS, in 2003, important legislation known as the Rural  
33 Impact Act was signed into law and helped the PUL Alliance to  
34 obtain the engineering information needed by Toyota; and

35           WHEREAS, with site certification, the PUL Alliance took the  
36 Wellspring project to the Automotive World Congress in  
37 Barcelona, Spain, and introduced the project to the automotive  
38 industry; and

39           WHEREAS, because land ownership control was still needed, in  
40 2006, the PUL Alliance sought legislation to create an  
41 unprecedented partnership between local and state governments to  
42 secure ownership of the Wellspring Project site; and

43           WHEREAS, the tenacity and vision of the boards of supervisors  
44 of these counties motivated them to pass three resolutions  
45 allowing Three Rivers Planning and Development District to begin  
46 purchasing over \$10 Million to gain control of the land; and

47           WHEREAS, over the past seven years, many unprecedented  
48 partnerships and collaborations were created as a result of the  
49 vision of economic development by Pontotoc, Union and Lee  
50 Counties, and the economic development and business leaders in  
51 these counties for the citizens of Northeast Mississippi; and

52           WHEREAS, the following public officials, public agencies,  
53 foundations and partnerships were instrumental in facilitating  
54 this project: Governor Haley Barbour; Lieutenant Governor Amy  
55 Tuck; Speaker Billy McCoy; Toyota Motor Engineering; Toyota  
56 Manufacturing North America; Mississippi Development Authority;  
57 Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; Mississippi  
58 Department of Employment Security; Mississippi Department of  
59 Transportation; University of Mississippi; State Board for  
60 Community and Junior Colleges; Consortium of Northeast Mississippi  
61 Community College; Northwest Mississippi; Community College,  
62 Itawamba Community College; Pontotoc County Board of Supervisors;  
63 Union County Board of Supervisors; Lee County Board of

64 Supervisors; Town of Blue Springs; PUL Alliance; Community  
65 Development Foundation; Three Rivers Planning and Development  
66 District; Tennessee Valley Authority; New Albany Light and Gas;  
67 the Mississippi State Senate; and the Mississippi House of  
68 Representatives; and

69 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
70 contributions of Mississippi counties, agencies and officials who  
71 worked together for the citizens of our state:

72 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
73 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
74 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Pontotoc, Union and Lee (PUL)  
75 Counties for having the vision to form the PUL Alliance and  
76 recognize its contributions in facilitating the Wellspring site  
77 for the Toyota plant.

78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
79 transmitted to members of the Boards of Supervisors for Pontotoc,  
80 Union and Lee Counties and made available to the members of the  
81 Capitol Press Corps.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING PONTOTOC, UNION AND LEE  
2 COUNTIES FOR HAVING THE VISION TO FORM THE PUL ALLIANCE AND  
3 RECOGNIZING ITS CONTRIBUTIONS IN FACILITATING THE WELLSPRING SITE  
4 FOR THE TOYOTA PLANT.

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