

By: Senator(s) Chassaniol, Burton, Dearing,
Fillingane, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd),
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 585

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
2 OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION LARRY GREGORY FOR HIS
3 APPOINTMENT TO REPRESENT MISSISSIPPI ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
4 THE AMERICAN GAMING ASSOCIATION (AGA).

5 WHEREAS, Larry Gregory helped lead South Mississippi's
6 casinos back from the destruction of Hurricane Katrina as
7 Executive Director of the Mississippi Gaming Commission and now he
8 will represent Mississippi on the Board of Directors of the
9 American Gaming Association (AGA) as it grapples with illegal
10 gambling, fantasy sports betting and other issues; and

11 WHEREAS, Larry Gregory will bring a Mississippi perspective
12 to the issues in the casino industry. He started in the industry
13 in 1996 and since his retirement from the Gaming Commission, he
14 has served as Executive Director of the Mississippi Gaming and
15 Hospitality Association; and

16 WHEREAS, Allen Godfrey, current Executive Director of the
17 Gaming Commission, stated, "I think it says a lot for the State of
18 Mississippi for this appointment on the board, as a quality
19 representative for our state"; and



20 WHEREAS, the American Gaming Association (AGA) is the premier
21 national trade group representing the \$240 Billion U.S. casino
22 industry, which supports 1.7 million jobs in 40 states. AGA
23 members include commercial and tribal casino operators, suppliers
24 and other entities affiliated with the gaming industry. It is the
25 mission of the AGA to be the single most effective champion of the
26 industry, relentlessly protecting against harmful and often
27 misinformed public policies, and paving a path for growth,
28 innovation and reinvestment; and

29 WHEREAS, Larry's effort will include robust research,
30 aggressive communications and partnerships with a variety of
31 voices, including gaming leaders, law enforcement officials,
32 regulators, legislators and professional sports leagues; and it is
33 with great pride that we commend the professional contributions of
34 this Mississippi citizen who has brought honor to our state
35 through this association:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
38 we do hereby recognize former Executive Director of the
39 Mississippi Gaming Commission Larry Gregory for his appointment to
40 represent Mississippi on the Board of Directors of the American
41 Gaming Association (AGA), and extend the best wishes of the
42 Legislature to this industry as it paves a path for growth,
43 innovation and reinvestment.



44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
45 Larry Gregory, forwarded to the Board of Directors of the AGA and
46 the Mississippi Gaming Commission, and made available to the
47 Capitol Press Corps.

