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To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 59

1 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING TAYLOR MACHINE WORKS, INC., IN  
2 LOUISVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY  
3 CELEBRATION AND FOR REPRESENTING OUR STATE AT PRESIDENT DONALD  
4 TRUMP'S "MADE IN AMERICA WEEK" AND GOVERNOR PHIL BRYANT'S "MADE IN  
5 MISSISSIPPI WEEK."

6 WHEREAS, Taylor Machine Works, Inc., a manufacturer of  
7 industrial lift trucks, located in Louisville, Mississippi, was  
8 started by W.A. Taylor, Sr., in 1927, and the company will  
9 celebrate its 90th birthday this year; and

10 WHEREAS, Lex Taylor, Chairman and CEO of Taylor Group,  
11 received a request from President Donald Trump to kick off "Made  
12 in America Week," and it was a quick request by the White House,  
13 but Taylor says they are thankful they were able to have a piece  
14 of their equipment featured when the President asked for an  
15 "American-Made" product from each state to be exhibited on the  
16 south lawn of the White House; and

17 WHEREAS, "With the help of our dealer in the area, we had a  
18 machine at the Smithsonian," said Taylor; "So instead of having to



19 ship a machine all the way from Mississippi to Washington, D.C.,  
20 we were able to drive it four blocks to the White House"; and

21 WHEREAS, in conjunction with President Trump's "Made in  
22 America Week," Governor Phil Bryant celebrated "Made in  
23 Mississippi Week," highlighting Taylor Machine Works, Inc., on  
24 social media to kick off the week and stating, "Mississippi's  
25 business-friendly environment and our commitment to providing  
26 companies an atmosphere where they can not only do business, but  
27 thrive, has produced results time and again"; and

28 WHEREAS, in 1937, W.A. Taylor, Sr., produced his first  
29 conventional timber skidder, later developed into a mobile skidder  
30 and loader, this pioneer machine became known as the "Logger's  
31 Dream," and the success of the "Logger's Dream" initiated a  
32 pattern of growth and expansion which became characteristic of the  
33 company; and a second "dream" product was introduced, the "Pasture  
34 Dream," which permitted simultaneous application of seed and  
35 fertilizer without seedbed preparation, with acceptance of these  
36 products encouraging the decision to expand the agricultural,  
37 forestry, and reforestation product lines; and

38 WHEREAS, the early 1950s brought the development of the  
39 "Yardster" forklift trucks by Taylor Machine Works, Inc., and  
40 these rugged machines soon found widespread acceptance in the  
41 handling of heavy and bulky materials such as lumber, prestressed  
42 concrete, steel and other primary metals, and containerized  
43 freight, and a line of pulpwood handling equipment, including the



44 "Pulpwood Dream" and pulpwood "Yardster" followed and rapidly  
45 became the accepted standard for loading and unloading pulpwood in  
46 the growing number of concentration yards throughout the  
47 Southeastern United States; and

48 WHEREAS, by the mid-1960s, Taylor Machine Works, Inc., had  
49 one of the most advanced machine shops in the South, with heavy  
50 investments in modern machine tools, and their products included a  
51 complete line of heavy duty trailers (for transporting gravel,  
52 soil, etc.), numerous agricultural implements, reforestation  
53 equipment, log loaders, and other "specialized" machines in  
54 addition to the major line of forklift trucks; and

55 WHEREAS, today, Taylor Machine Works, Inc., under the  
56 leadership of the third generation of the Taylor family, is a  
57 major progressive force in the worldwide material-handling  
58 equipment industry, and the "Big Red" product line consists of  
59 numerous models of pneumatic tire forklifts with standard forks  
60 and carriages or optional front-end attachments and lift  
61 capacities ranging up to 125,000 pounds, and the product line also  
62 includes cushion tire forklifts, log stackers, container handlers  
63 and reach stackers; and

64 WHEREAS, Taylor's "Big Red" machines are on the job  
65 throughout the world and have made an impressive impact on the  
66 material-handling industry, and these massive machines are  
67 utilized in such diverse applications as changing engines on jumbo  
68 jets, manipulating concrete culverts 12 feet in diameter weighing



69 up to 25 tons, moving and stacking empty and loaded containers up  
70 to eight-high, handling entire truckloads of logs in one bite,  
71 transporting cargo on and off huge ships, performing varied  
72 material-handling jobs in steel mills, as well as many other  
73 material-handling jobs; and

74 WHEREAS, the Engineering and Research and Development Groups  
75 at Taylor continue to produce new and improved machines to get the  
76 job done in the material-handling industry; and it is with great  
77 pride that we recognize this Mississippi business and sales  
78 network team who continue to bring honor to the business community  
79 and to the State of Mississippi:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
81 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
82 congratulate Taylor Machine Works, Inc., in Louisville,  
83 Mississippi, on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary Celebration  
84 and for representing our state at President Donald Trump's "Made  
85 in America Week" and Governor Phil Bryant's "Made in Mississippi  
86 Week," and express continued thanks to this corporate citizen and  
87 leading manufacturer and sales network for their contributions to  
88 our state.

89 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be furnished to  
90 Taylor Machine Works, Inc., CEO Lex Taylor, forwarded to the  
91 Governor, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

