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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 512

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

6 WHEREAS, Taylor Machine Works, a manufacturer of industrial
7 lift trucks, located in Louisville, Mississippi, was started by
8 W.A. Taylor, Sr., in 1927. The company will celebrate its 90th
9 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." It was a quick request by the White House, but
13 Taylor says they are thankful they were able to have a piece of
14 their equipment featured. The President asked for an
15 "American-Made" product from each state to be exhibited on the
16 south lawn of the White House. "With the help of our dealer in
17 the area, we had a machine at the Smithsonian," said Taylor. "So
18 instead of having to ship a machine all the way from Mississippi



19 to Washington, D.C., we were able to drive it four blocks to the
20 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." Governor Bryant highlighted Taylor Machine
24 Works on social media to kick off the week. "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," Governor Bryant
28 said; and

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

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



44 pulpwood handling equipment, including the "Pulpwood Dream" and
45 pulpwood "Yardstar" followed and rapidly became the accepted
46 standard for loading and unloading pulpwood in the growing number
47 of concentration yards throughout the southeastern United States;
48 and

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

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

65 WHEREAS, Taylor's "Big Red" machines are on the job
66 throughout the world and have made an impressive impact on the
67 material-handling industry. These massive machines are utilized
68 in such diverse applications as changing engines on jumbo jets,



69 manipulating concrete culverts 12 feet in diameter weighing up to
70 25 tons, moving and stacking empty and loaded containers up to
71 eight-high, handling entire truckloads of logs in one bite,
72 transporting cargo on and off huge ships, performing varied
73 material-handling jobs in steel mills, as well as many other
74 material-handling jobs; and

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

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

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

