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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 518

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED
2 MISSISSIPPI ACTOR MORGAN FREEMAN UPON HIS RECEIPT OF THE SAG LIFE
3 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT THE 2018 SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARDS CEREMONY
4 AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS HUMANITARIAN AND CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO
5 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

6 WHEREAS, Mississippi Actor Morgan Freeman has been named the
7 54th recipient of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Life Achievement
8 Award, recognizing his career achievements and humanitarian
9 efforts over the years. He will be recognized during the 2018 SAG
10 Awards, which will be simulated on TBS and TNT on January 21,
11 2018; and

12 WHEREAS, the award is given annually to an actor who fosters
13 the "finest ideals of the acting profession." Previous SAG Life
14 Achievement Award recipients include: Carol Burnett, Betty White,
15 Elizabeth Taylor, Sidney Poitier, George Burns and James Earl
16 Jones; and

17 WHEREAS, Morgan Freeman has already received Lifetime
18 Achievement Awards from the American Film Institute and the
19 Hollywood Foreign Press Association, among many other acting



20 accolades. He has been nominated five times for an Academy Award
21 and won for his performance in 2004's "Million Dollar Baby"; and

22 WHEREAS, Freeman has nearly 100 film credits to his name,
23 including: "Street Smart" (1987), "Driving Miss Daisy" (1989),
24 "Glory" (1989), "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" (1991), "The
25 Shawshank Redemption" (1994), "Seven" (1995), "Amistad" (1997),
26 "Deep Impact" (1998), "Along Came a Spider" (2001), "The Sum of
27 All Fears" (2002), "Bruce Almighty" (2003), "Batman Begins"
28 (2005), "The Bucket List" (2007), "Wanted" (2008), "The Dark
29 Knight" (2008), "Invictus" (2009), "RED" (2010), "The Dark Knight
30 Rises" (2012), "Now You See Me" (2013), "Olympus Has Fallen"
31 (2013), "Last Vegas" (2013), "The Lego Movie" (2014), "Lucy"
32 (2014), "Now You See Me 2" (2016), "Momentum" (2015), and "Going
33 In Style" (2017). Freeman's voice is among the most recognizable
34 in entertainment, and he has narrated many documentaries; and

35 WHEREAS, in 2011, Morgan Freeman appeared before a crowd of
36 fans waiting to see him and witness the unveiling of a Bronze Star
37 in his honor in the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center's
38 Walk of Fame in Meridian, Mississippi. "My parents left
39 Mississippi in the 1930s with the Great Migration and came back in
40 the 1980s," he said. "I started coming back to visit them and
41 each time I came here, it felt right...I finally had the
42 understanding that it felt right because I was home." With the
43 unveiling of this Bronze Star, Freeman smiled and noted, "This is
44 my second Walk of Fame Star and I am as honored to have received



45 it as I was for the first one." The first star is on the
46 Hollywood Walk of Fame; and

47 WHEREAS, Freeman grew up near Greenwood and now has a home
48 just outside Charleston in the Mississippi Delta. He and Bill
49 Lueckert co-own Ground Zero Blues Club in Clarksdale; and

50 WHEREAS, some actors spend their entire careers waiting for
51 the perfect role. Morgan Freeman has shown us that true
52 perfection is what a performer brings to the part. He is
53 innovative, fearless and completely unbound by expectations. As a
54 chauffeur, convicted murderer, boxing gym attendant, pimp or
55 president, Morgan fully realized every character, baring their
56 souls and showcasing their humanity. We join the acting community
57 in recognizing his genius at work which has brought pride to the
58 State of Mississippi:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
60 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
61 we do hereby join the professional acting community in honoring
62 internationally acclaimed Mississippi Actor Morgan Freeman upon
63 his receipt of the SAG Life Achievement Award at the 2018 Screen
64 Actors Guild Awards Ceremony and thanking him for his humanitarian
65 and civic contributions to the State of Mississippi.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
67 Morgan Freeman, forwarded to the Mississippi Arts Commission, and
68 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

