

By: Senator(s) Jackson (15th), Younger,  
Blackwell, Dearing, Doty, Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 607

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING EARL  
2 WALKER, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND EXTERNAL  
3 AFFAIRS AT AIRBUS HELICOPTERS, INC., IN COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, AS  
4 2017-2018 CHAIRMAN OF THE MISSISSIPPI MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION.

5 WHEREAS, Earl Walker, Senior Director of Government Relations  
6 and External Affairs at Airbus Helicopters, Inc., in Columbus,  
7 Mississippi, has been named the 2017-2018 Chairman of the  
8 Mississippi Manufacturers Association Board of Directors. "Earl  
9 will be an excellent Chairman of the MMA. He is one of the best  
10 ambassadors we could have around the world and here at home," said  
11 MMA President and CEO Jay C. Moon; and

12 WHEREAS, Earl's career began in 2006 with American  
13 Eurocopter, Inc., as the Senior Human Resources Manager leading  
14 the startup operation for the Aviation Campus in Mississippi. In  
15 2009, he became Senior Director/Site General Manager and held the  
16 leadership role at the Mississippi facility until October 2013.  
17 In 2013, he was promoted to the new position of Senior  
18 Director of External Affairs, State and Government Business  
19 Development. Earl worked closely with Airbus Group, in



20 federal, state and community governments, in all aspects of  
21 business development and Department of Defense (DoD) program  
22 growth. In 2015, Earl assumed his current role leading the  
23 Government Relations and External Affairs activities for Airbus  
24 Helicopters, Inc. Earl also supports the Federal and Commercial  
25 Sales and Marketing Team in business development, marketing and  
26 sales; and

27 WHEREAS, Earl is a native Mississippian, having completed his  
28 undergraduate and advanced studies at Mississippi State  
29 University. He holds professional certifications in Human  
30 Resources, Quality, Safety and Risk Management to include  
31 certificates in both Flight Risk and Aviation Safety from the  
32 Department of Defense, Department of Contract Management Agency  
33 (DCMA). Earl has over 25 years of experience in a variety of  
34 leadership roles in international and domestic business; and

35 WHEREAS, his current leadership roles outside of Airbus  
36 include serving on the Texas Association of Business Board of  
37 Directors, Mississippi State University Bagley Engineering School  
38 Dean Advisory Council, and the BancorpSouth Advisory Board.  
39 Earl has also served in leadership roles with community colleges,  
40 industry associations, the Boys and Girls Club, Governors Council,  
41 and World Trade Center; and

42 WHEREAS, Earl holds the honor of attending the National  
43 Security Program for civilians at both the United States Air Force  
44 War College, Montgomery, Alabama, in 2012 and the United States



45 Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in 2017. Earl most  
46 recently served two terms as the Honorary Wing Commander for the  
47 14th Flying Training Wing at Columbus Air Force Base, Columbus,  
48 Mississippi; and

49 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we pay tribute to this  
50 most public-spirited citizen of Mississippi whose enormous civic  
51 energy is a wonderful example for all in our state:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
53 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
54 we do hereby commend and congratulate Earl Walker, Senior Director  
55 of Government Relations and External Affairs at Airbus  
56 Helicopters, Inc., in Columbus, Mississippi, as 2017-2018 Chairman  
57 of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association, and extend our best  
58 wishes to Earl and his family on this high honor.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
60 Earl Walker, forwarded to the Executive Director of the  
61 Mississippi Manufacturers Association, and made available to the  
62 Capitol Press Corps.

