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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 660

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND GOVERNOR PHIL BRYANT FOR
2 HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, known for strong integrity and leadership, Governor
4 Phil Bryant is the 64th Governor of the State of Mississippi and
5 is completing his second term of office; and

6 WHEREAS, Phil Bryant was sworn in for his second term as
7 Mississippi's 64th Governor on January 12, 2016. Before becoming
8 the state's Chief Executive, Bryant was Lieutenant Governor from
9 2008-2011. He also served as State Auditor for 11 years and
10 represented his legislative district in the Mississippi House of
11 Representatives for five years; and

12 WHEREAS, the son of Dewey C. and Estelle R. Bryant, a diesel
13 mechanic and a mother who stayed home with her three boys, Bryant
14 learned early the value of hard work and the importance of
15 education. The Moorhead native earned an Associate's Degree in
16 Criminal Justice from Hinds Community College and completed his
17 Bachelor's Degree at The University of Southern Mississippi. He
18 holds a Master's Degree in Political Science from Mississippi



19 College, and before assuming his role as Governor, Bryant served
20 as an Adjunct Professor of Government at USM; and

21 WHEREAS, Governor Bryant began his career as a Deputy Sheriff
22 in Hinds County and later worked as an Insurance Investigator
23 before being elected to the House of Representatives in 1991. In
24 1996, then-Governor Kirk Fordice appointed him State Auditor, a
25 position he was re-elected to in 1999 and 2003; and

26 WHEREAS, as Lieutenant Governor, Phil Bryant continued to
27 work to ensure accountability in state government. In his first
28 week of office, Bryant proposed webcasting of the Senate
29 proceedings so taxpayers could see their government in action and
30 hold their elected officials accountable. Governor Bryant has a
31 long history of fighting for conservative beliefs, like lower
32 taxes and traditional values. Because of his love of the outdoors
33 and his belief in the 2nd Amendment, he has been a longtime member
34 of the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative
35 Action and is a recipient of the Kirk Fordice Freedom Award
36 presented annually by the Central Mississippi Chapter of the NRA.
37 He served as the 2008 Honorary Chairman of the Republican
38 Lieutenant Governors Association and is a past President of the
39 Mississippi Republican Elected Officials Association; and

40 WHEREAS, as Governor, Phil Bryant has led Mississippi in
41 implementing transformational public education reforms, promoting
42 economic development and building a competitive business climate
43 that attracts major employers like Yokohama Tire Corporation and



44 Continental Tire. Under Governor Bryant's administration, over
45 27,500 jobs have been announced along with \$5.19 Billion in new
46 corporate investments; and

47 WHEREAS, Governor Bryant and his wife, First Lady of
48 Mississippi Deborah Bryant, have two adult children, Katie Bryant
49 Snell and Patrick Bryant, and are active members of St. Marks
50 United Methodist Church in Brandon; and

51 WHEREAS, Governor Bryant's service has been marked by his
52 commitment to success and recognized leadership, sound judgment
53 and fairness. He has set the highest standard in all of his many
54 roles, as a father, husband, citizen, statesman and leader in the
55 State of Mississippi and as a true friend:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
57 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
58 we do hereby commend and recognize Governor Phil Bryant, whose
59 outstanding service as Governor enriched everyone in the State of
60 Mississippi, and we wish Phil and his family much success in their
61 future endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
63 Governor Phil Bryant and made available to the Capitol Press
64 Corps.

