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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 72

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING PROFESSIONAL RODEO  
2 COMPETITOR ROVESKEY "FATTY" HICKMAN FROM SHUQUALAK, MISSISSIPPI,  
3 FOR HIS SUCCESS AND FAME IN REPRESENTING MISSISSIPPI ON THE SECOND  
4 SEASON OF THE NATIONAL TV SHOW *ULTIMATE COWBOY SHOWDOWN*:  
5 *ALL-STARS*.

6 WHEREAS, Shuqualak, Mississippi, Rodeo Competitor Roveskey  
7 "Fatty" Hickman knows what it takes to work and win. He started  
8 competing in rodeo roping events all over Mississippi at a young  
9 age, and his skill earned him a Rodeo College Scholarship. He was  
10 a finalist for the United States Team Roping Championship for the  
11 last five years, and he has won five saddles; and

12 WHEREAS, "Fatty" had to work his way up to his dream job of  
13 being a ranch manager of a 1,100 acre cattle ranch. His true goal  
14 is to own a ranch that he can pass down to future generations and  
15 continue competitive roping on the pro rodeo circuit. Luckily,  
16 good fortune came in the form of another chance to compete on the  
17 popular national subscription TV show *Ultimate Cowboy Showdown*:  
18 *All-Stars*; and



19           WHEREAS, on March 7, 2023, General Entertainment Network *INSP*  
20 announced the members of the All-Stars Edition of *Ultimate Cowboy*  
21 *Showdown*. Top cowboys from the first three seasons of the  
22 fan-favorite original cowboy competition series returned for a  
23 second chance to prove they have what it takes to win. Host Trace  
24 Adkins said, "When we opted to make an All-Stars Edition of  
25 *Ultimate Cowboy Showdown*, we knew the best-of-the-best from  
26 previous seasons would bring their A game in pursuit of the  
27 life-changing prize. Each competitor's grit and endurance are put  
28 to the test, in ways not even they could have imagined."  
29 Returning from Season Two was Roveskey "Fatty" Hickman from  
30 Shuqualak, Mississippi; and

31           WHEREAS, to demonstrate "Fatty" Hickman's national exposure,  
32 *INSP* is available nationwide to more than 55 million households  
33 via MVPSSs, including DISH, DIRECTV, Comcast Xfinity, Cox  
34 Communications, Charter Spectrum, National Cable Television  
35 Cooperative, Verizon Fios, AT&T U-verse and Sling TV. These  
36 networks provide a trusted viewing experience of timeless Westerns  
37 and films focused on adventure; and

38           WHEREAS, in an interview with the network magazine, "Fatty"  
39 stated that the essential parts of being a cowboy are grit and  
40 determination. He believes everybody has to have some heart in  
41 their job. He explains, "I'm somewhat of a first-generation  
42 cowboy, but I guess I'm a third-generation horseman. My dad's a  
43 team roper, and he rides and trains horses. His father was more



44 of a cattleman. So I guess I took both of them and put them  
45 together"; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this young  
47 Mississippi citizen who is a role model for his generation and who  
48 has brought honor to his family, his community and to the State of  
49 Mississippi:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
51 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate  
52 Professional Rodeo Competitor Roveskey "Fatty" Hickman from  
53 Shuqualak, Mississippi, for his success and fame in representing  
54 Mississippi on the second season of the national TV show *Ultimate*  
55 *Cowboy Showdown: All-Stars*, and extend the best wishes of the  
56 Mississippi Senate to Roveskey and his family for future success  
57 on the *Ultimate Cowboy Showdown* national TV series, in his  
58 professional rodeo competitions, and in his many ranch management  
59 and community service projects.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
61 Roveskey "Fatty" Hickman and his brother, State Senator Rod  
62 Hickman (District 32), forwarded to the Management of the Dixie  
63 National Rodeo, the Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and  
64 Commerce, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

