

By: Senator(s) Butler, Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 525

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING AND HONORING THE
2 40-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ENTERGY'S GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION
3 LOCATED IN PORT GIBSON, MISSISSIPPI, AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT
4 ROLE NUCLEAR POWER PLAYS IN ENERGIZING LIFE IN MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, we join the leadership and employees of Entergy and
6 the citizens of Mississippi in honoring the Grand Gulf Nuclear
7 Station on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary; and

8 WHEREAS, Entergy's Grand Gulf Nuclear Station located in Port
9 Gibson, Mississippi, has been providing safe, low cost, reliable,
10 low-emission electricity to nearly half a million Mississippians
11 since 1985; and

12 WHEREAS, Grand Gulf has been an integral part of the
13 generation portfolio of Entergy (90% owner) and Cooperative Energy
14 (10% owner), providing a significant source of baseload power; and

15 WHEREAS, a power upgrade in 2012 increased the plant's
16 efficiency and generation, making the facility the largest
17 single-unit nuclear power plant in the country and the 5th largest
18 in the world; and



19 WHEREAS, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission has
20 granted an operating license extension for the Grand Gulf Nuclear
21 Station to continue to provide customers safe, secure and reliable
22 nuclear power through the year 2044; and

23 WHEREAS, Grand Gulf, the state's only nuclear plant, provides
24 Mississippians with the stable, long-term benefits of nuclear
25 power and singlehandedly generates about 16% of the state's
26 electricity while emitting no greenhouse gases; and

27 WHEREAS, Grand Gulf employs more than 800 highly skilled
28 employees with an annual payroll of over \$113 million and
29 approximately \$30 million in state and local taxes; and

30 WHEREAS, Grand Gulf provides the most affordable source of
31 electric energy in Mississippi, an asset that has helped to
32 attract new industry to the State of Mississippi as well as
33 encourage business and industrial expansion throughout much of the
34 state:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
36 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, that
37 we do hereby commemorate and honor Entergy's Grand Gulf Nuclear
38 Station, its leadership and employees, on its 40th anniversary,
39 and extend our best wishes to this leading corporate citizen on
40 this auspicious occasion.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to
42 Entergy's Chief Nuclear Officer and made available to the Capitol
43 Press Corps.

