

By: Representatives Endt, Broomfield, Green To: Rules
(34th), Guice, Hamilton, Maples, Read,
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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 126

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING SENATE MAJORITY LEADER
2 TRENT LOTT OF MISSISSIPPI FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN STEERING THE
3 UNITED STATES SENATE THROUGH A HIGHLY PARTISAN IMPEACHMENT TRIAL
4 IN A VERY NONPARTISAN MANNER.

5 WHEREAS, when the United States House of Representatives
6 approved two articles of impeachment on December 19, 1998,
7 accusing President Bill Clinton of obstruction of justice and
8 perjury, lawmakers set the stage for a Senate trial of the
9 President; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States Senate had not dealt with the
11 impeachment of a president in 131 years; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Trent Lott (Republican-Mississippi) is the
13 Senate Majority Leader, and it was the unenviable responsibility
14 of the Senate leadership to decide how to conduct this trial of
15 the century amid a highly partisan atmosphere in Washington, D.C.;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Lott deftly forged agreements with Senate
18 Minority Leader Tom Daschle (Democrat-South Dakota) to devise
19 procedures to steer the Senate through the impeachment trial,
20 wrestling with some critical procedural issues such as how long an
21 impeachment trial would last and whether witnesses would be called
22 to testify; and

23 WHEREAS, the Senator admitted that he was relieved when the
24 impeachment trial was finished, and said that future historians
25 would render the final judgment on the players in the process; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Lott is to be congratulated for predicting
27 cooperation between the administration and the Republican-led

28 Congress, stating in his own words: "We must move forward on the
29 people's business":

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
32 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Senate Majority Leader Trent
33 Lott of Mississippi for his leadership in steering the United
34 States Senate through a highly partisan impeachment trial in a
35 very nonpartisan manner.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
37 furnished to Senator Lott and members of the Capitol Press Corps.