

By: Senator(s) Robertson, Dickerson, Cuevas, To: Rules
Gollott, Hewes, Lee, Moffatt, Woodfield

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 653

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING COAST
2 ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION, PEARL RIVER VALLEY ELECTRIC POWER
3 ASSOCIATION, SINGING RIVER ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION, DIXIE
4 ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION, MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY, ENTERGY
5 MISSISSIPPI, AND ALL OTHER ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATIONS IN
6 MISSISSIPPI FOR THEIR QUICK RESPONSE AND RESTORATION OF SERVICE
7 FOLLOWING THE MASSIVE DESTRUCTION AND POWER OUTAGES CAUSED BY
8 HURRICANE GEORGES.

9 WHEREAS, Hurricane Georges caused over \$310 Million in damage
10 to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and caused \$2.5 Billion in insured
11 damages to homes, businesses and other property in the United
12 States, making it the third costliest hurricane on record; and

13 WHEREAS, Hurricane Georges knocked out power to nearly a
14 quarter of a million customers along the Mississippi Coast, and
15 took a huge toll on the infrastructure of power providers, and

16 WHEREAS, electric power association officials compared the
17 magnitude of Hurricane Georges' destruction in south Mississippi
18 to the ice storm of 1994 which struck north Mississippi, estimated
19 the cost to electric power associations at more than \$75 Million
20 and reported that 154,250 EPA customers were without power at the
21 peak of the storm; and

22 WHEREAS, in the face of this destruction the following
23 Mississippi Gulf Coast Electric Power Associations and utility
24 companies mobilized linemen and all other personnel for
25 restoration of service and repair of infrastructure: Coast
26 Electric Power Association in Bay St. Louis, Pearl River Valley
27 Electric Power Association in Columbia, Singing River Electric
28 Power Association in Lucedale, Dixie Electric Power Association in
29 Laurel and Mississippi Power Company in Gulfport; and

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31 WHEREAS, due to the magnitude of the storm, these crews were
32 forced to request assistance from the following associations and
33 contractors: Entergy Corporation, Alcorn County EPA, Central EPA,
34 Coahoma EPA, Delta EPA, East Mississippi EPA, 4-County EPA,
35 Magnolia EPA, Monroe County EPA, Natchez Trace EPA, North East
36 Mississippi EPA, Northcentral Mississippi EPA, Pontotoc EPA,
37 Prentiss County EPA, Southern Pine EPA, Southwest Mississippi EPA,
38 Tallahatchie Valley EPA, Tippah EPA, Tishomingo County EPA,
39 Tombigbee EPA, Twin County EPA, Yazoo Valley EPA and numerous
40 power associations, utilities and contractors from surrounding
41 states; and

42 WHEREAS, this massive well-organized "call center" response
43 to restore customer power was implemented without regard to cost
44 or expense to the provider, and regulatory officials pronounced
45 the response time and the human effort as commendable; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
47 monumental effort of each lineman and crew member participating in
48 this operation which was the best example of Mississippians and
49 their neighbors helping other Mississippians at great sacrifice:

50 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
52 we do hereby recognize and commend Coast Electric Power
53 Association, Pearl River Valley Electric Power Association,
54 Singing River Electric Power Association, Dixie Electric Power
55 Association, Mississippi Power Company, Entergy Mississippi, and
56 all other Electric Power Associations and contractors in
57 Mississippi and surrounding states for their quick response and
58 restoration of service following the massive destruction and power
59 outages caused by Hurricane Georges, and their total dedication to
60 the public.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
62 the Electric Power Associations of Mississippi for distribution to
63 the General Manager of each EPA in Mississippi, and to the
64 President of Mississippi Power Company and the President of
65 Entergy Mississippi, and be made available to the Capitol Press
66 Corps.