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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HARPER AND MORGAN
2 RODEO CO, INC., UPON THE OCCASION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR
3 PRODUCTION OF THE DIXIE NATIONAL RODEO IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, as the Dixie National Rodeo in Jackson, Mississippi,
5 celebrates its 35th anniversary, Harper and Morgan Rodeo Company
6 celebrates its 20th anniversary producing this prestigious event
7 which is the biggest rodeo east of the Mississippi River; and

8 WHEREAS, of the 70 sanctioned rodeo companies producing
9 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeos, few can boast the
10 complete rodeo production capabilities that include colorful
11 productions, high-level sports competition and overall
12 entertainment that make up the Harper and Morgan Rodeo Company's
13 Show; and

14 WHEREAS, Harper and Morgan Rodeo Company began when
15 Lauderdale, Mississippi native Ralph Morgan and James Harper met
16 in 1960 as competitors in the calf roping and steer wrestling
17 events at a rodeo in Houma, Louisiana, and in 1972, they became
18 partners, joining the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Assn., bringing
19 with them six new indoor rodeos; and

20 WHEREAS, today the company produces 37 professional rodeo and
21 professional bull ridings, mostly indoors in 16 states making
22 Harper and Morgan Rodeo Company the nation's largest producer of
23 indoor events; and

24 WHEREAS, what makes this rodeo company different is its fresh
25 and aggressive approach emphasizing entertainment production and
26 marketing, the unique productions combine multiple actors,

27 pyrotechnics, stunts and music to tell wonderful stories of our
28 American heritage and old west using the whole arena as a stage;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Ralph Morgan, who combined a career of logging and a
31 weekend hobby of rodeoing to start this company, declares that
32 providing good stock is the whole key to a good rodeo because it
33 is easier for the good cowboys to get good scores on good stock;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
36 business which has for 20 years produced the event most identified
37 with the Mississippi State Fairgrounds, and brought great honor to
38 the State of Mississippi:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
40 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Harper and
41 Morgan Rodeo Company and Mississippi native Ralph Morgan upon the
42 occasion of their 20th production of the Dixie National Rodeo in
43 Jackson, Mississippi, and wish them continued success in future
44 Dixie National events.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
46 presented to Harper and Morgan Rodeo Company and be made available
47 to the Capitol Press Corps.