

By: Michel, Frazier, White (29th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HEROIC ACTION OF HINDS COUNTY
2 DEPUTY SHERIFF KEN MAGEE IN APPREHENDING A HOUSE BURGLAR WHILE
3 OFF-DUTY AND CLAD ONLY IN HIS UNDERWEAR, AND FOR BEING NAMED HINDS
4 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DEPUTY OF THE YEAR FOR 1999.

5 WHEREAS, Magee, the Hinds County Sheriff's Department's
6 Deputy of the Year for 1999, heard a vehicle that "didn't sound
7 right" pull into the driveway across the street at 1052 Briarfield
8 Drive; Magee became suspicious and watched as the driver broke
9 into the Ramsey home; and

10 WHEREAS, Magee investigated, dressed only in his socks and
11 undershorts; within minutes a burglary suspect was in jail and
12 Magee's neighborhood was quiet again; and

13 WHEREAS, Ken Magee doesn't consider himself to be a hero;
14 instead, he just likes to think of himself as a good neighbor; and

15 WHEREAS, Tom and Elizabeth Ramsey were at a dinner party when
16 the suspect pulled into their driveway; with no time to spare
17 Magee grabbed his department issue Glock 9mm and told his wife,
18 Karen, to dial 911 and report a burglary in progress; crossing the
19 street in his underwear, Magee took the keys from the ignition and
20 waited for the intruder to exit; and

21 WHEREAS, the suspect first jumped in his car, but realizing
22 there were no keys, he took off on foot; Magee gave chase for
23 several blocks but lost the suspect; JPD Officer Kenneth Talton
24 apprehended the suspect; and

25 WHEREAS, "He's the hero of the day," homeowner Tom Ramsey
26 said of Magee; and

27 WHEREAS, Sheriff Malcolm McMillin praised his deputy for his

28 actions; "Normally, we discourage people from policing in their
29 own neighborhood," McMillin said, "he is an outstanding officer.";

30 WHEREAS, Magee said he was doing what anybody else would have
31 done; and

32 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
33 professional response of this dedicated law enforcement officer,
34 who has brought honor to his fellow public servants, to his county
35 and to the State of Mississippi:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the heroic action of Hinds
38 County Deputy Sheriff Ken Magee in apprehending a house burglar
39 while off-duty and clad only in his underwear, and additionally
40 for being named Hinds County Sheriff's Department Deputy of the
41 Year for 1999, and wish him continued success in his future
42 official and personal endeavors.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
44 furnished to Deputy Sheriff Ken Magee and his family and be made
45 available to the Capitol Press Corps.