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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE
 2 MISSISSIPPI STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THE FAMILY UNIT IN OUR SOCIETY
 3 ON THE OCCASION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR
 4 OF THE FAMILY.

5 WHEREAS, the President of the United States has repeatedly
 6 emphasized that the strength of the nation depends upon the
 7 strength of the family, and he has called upon all to "recommit
 8 ourselves to strengthen our nation by strengthening our families";
 9 and

10 WHEREAS, it is universally recognized that the family is the
 11 natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to
 12 protection by society and the state; and

13 WHEREAS, the United Nations has proclaimed the year 2004 as
 14 the Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family in
 15 order to, among other things, increase awareness of family issues
 16 among governments as well as the private sector; and

17 WHEREAS, the institution of the family is now being
 18 undermined and threatened by various cultural, social, political,
 19 legal and economic forces that are weakening the bonds between
 20 husband and wife, parent and child, and the generations, and
 21 wreaking consequential harm and havoc throughout society; and

22 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi declares that the family is
 23 the very foundation of our communities and the bedrock of our
 24 nation, continuing to be the most fundamental unit of society, the
 25 basis and bastion of civilization and progress since time
 26 immemorial, and the continuing hope of mankind; and

27 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi declares that the family,
 28 ideally founded on the marriage between husband and wife, is the

29 cradle of life and love for each new generation, the primary
30 source of identity, self-esteem and support, and the first and
31 foremost school of life, being uniquely suited to teach children
32 integrity, character, morals, responsibility, service, and wisdom,
33 and thereby transmitting timeless value to future generations; and

34 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi recognizes the urgent need
35 for measures designed to promote family happiness and stability by
36 promoting loving and faithful marriages, and by encouraging
37 greater love and loyalty among all family members, increased
38 connection and communication between parents and children, and
39 more involvement of both fathers and mothers in raising children
40 in a positive and healthy environment and in teaching them values
41 and morals essential to personal fulfillment and the success of
42 society; and

43 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi urges all citizens and
44 communities, and all organizations and institutions in all sectors
45 of society, to proactively promote those measures designed to
46 protect, defend, and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit
47 of society; and

48 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi further urges government
49 leaders, officials, and representatives in all levels and branches
50 of government, with respect to all legislative, executive,
51 administrative, and judicial action, to promote those measures
52 designed to protect, defend, and strengthen the family as the
53 fundamental unit of society; and

54 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi calls upon leaders and
55 people of influence in media, entertainment, education, business,
56 the arts, and religion to help reverse the cultural bias against
57 the family and family values; and

58 WHEREAS, the State Mississippi further calls upon citizens
59 and communities, and all organizations and institutions in all the
60 sectors of society, to help support, sponsor, organize and
61 participate in appropriate activities and events designed to

62 promote and protect the family as the fundamental unit of society
63 in celebration of the 2004 Tenth Anniversary of the International
64 Year of the Family:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
66 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
67 THEREIN, That we do hereby express our support for the family unit
68 in our society on the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of the
69 International Year of the Family.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
71 furnished to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.