

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OUR SORROW, CONDOLENCES
2 AND RESPECT TO THE CITIZENS OF SPAIN AND SHARING THEIR OUTRAGE
3 CONCERNING THE TRAGIC TERRORIST BOMBING IN MADRID.

4 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2004, the world was once again shaken
5 by the ruthless, vile and inhumane acts of terrorists in the city
6 of Madrid, Spain; and

7 WHEREAS, these heinous and horrific attacks, which ricocheted
8 throughout Madrid with calculated precision, constituted the
9 deadliest of its kind in Spain's history, claiming more than 200
10 innocent lives and wounding more than 1,500 others; and

11 WHEREAS, the diplomatic relationship shared between the
12 United States and Spain is invaluable, and just as the Spanish
13 government has embraced and supported the United States in the
14 fight against terrorism since September 11, 2001, we offer our
15 assurance to the citizens of Spain that we are firmly committed to
16 being a basis of support during this tragic period of distress and
17 pain; and

18 WHEREAS, sharing the fundamental principals of freedom and
19 democracy, Spain and the United States will not be broken down by
20 the cowardly and insurgent acts of terror; and

21 WHEREAS, the attempts to shake the very foundation of
22 democracy on which Spain is built, the same foundation that
23 assures freedom and justice to the citizenry of Spain and America,
24 makes us ever more committed to ensuring that those fundamental
25 principles remain in tact for every democratic nation; and

26 WHEREAS, in expressing our solidarity for how deeply
27 disturbed the citizens of Mississippi are and voicing our profound

28 outrage and sorrow with respect to the dastardly occurrence of
29 events which have befallen Spain; and

30 WHEREAS, in times of need, as a global community of shared
31 interests, we grow more united, and together we will move forward
32 to ensure that the world's freedom, security and democracy is
33 safeguarded from other such barbarous acts of terrorism; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to express our
35 support and sorrow to fellow democracies which have been injured
36 by the callous and heartless activities of organizations opposed
37 to a democratic community:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
40 THEREIN, That we do hereby express our sorrow, condolences and
41 respect to the citizens of Spain and share in their outrage
42 concerning the tragic bombing in Madrid.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to King Juan Carlos, President José Luís Rodriguez
45 Zapatero, Spanish Ambassador Javier Ruperez and to the members of
46 the Capitol Press Corps.