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To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 85

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MISSISSIPPI  
2 TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTER AT THE JOHN C. STENNIS SPACE CENTER AS  
3 A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGIES.

4 WHEREAS, in 1978, the State of Mississippi built a 50,000  
5 square foot facility at the John C. Stennis Space Center in order  
6 to facilitate the transfer of technology from NASA, the United  
7 States Navy and other federal agencies located in south  
8 Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, this facility is known as Building 1103, the  
10 Mississippi Technology Transfer Center; and

11 WHEREAS, on May 20, 1987, Executive Order Number 576 was  
12 signed by Governor Bill Allain to allocate 30% of the Mississippi  
13 Technology Transfer Center for the state to operate a technology  
14 transfer effort to produce high-wage technology jobs; and

15 WHEREAS, the 1987 Executive Order Number 576 and Chapter 518,  
16 General Laws of 1988, established at the John C. Stennis Space  
17 Center a Mississippi Technology Transfer Office to build upon the  
18 technology base that exists in south Mississippi; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1995, the Mississippi Enterprise for Technology,  
20 Inc., was established in cooperation with the Mississippi  
21 Development Authority, NASA and the institutions of higher  
22 learning in the State of Mississippi, and is located in Building  
23 1103; and

24 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Enterprise for Technology, Inc., a  
25 private, nonprofit organization dedicated to creating high-skill,  
26 high-wage jobs in Mississippi, currently operates a technology  
27 based business incubator in Building 1103 in order to provide

28 support for the growth of start-up technology businesses in south  
29 Mississippi; and

30 WHEREAS, the Center of Higher Learning, which is a  
31 partnership between the University of Southern Mississippi and  
32 other institutions of higher learning, including Jackson State  
33 University, is also located in Building 1103 and provides academic  
34 programs to support the growth of these small businesses; and

35 WHEREAS, in 1999, the Enterprise for Innovative Geospatial  
36 Solutions was established as a research partnership between the  
37 University of Mississippi and NASA to sponsor the development of  
38 nationally recognized remote sensing companies in Building 1103;  
39 and

40 WHEREAS, in 2002, the GeoResources Institute, which is a  
41 program established by Mississippi State University, opened an  
42 office in Building 1103 to support the development of geospatial  
43 technologies at the John C. Stennis Space Center; and

44 WHEREAS, there now exists in the Mississippi Technology  
45 Transfer Center 22 geospatial companies, four nonprofit research  
46 and commercialization companies, offices of four major research  
47 universities and a high performance visualization laboratory  
48 supporting 132 jobs in geospatial technologies; and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
50 and commend excellence in outstanding technological centers, such  
51 as the Mississippi Technology Transfer Center, which has forged  
52 new boundaries, becoming one of the most premier centers for  
53 geospatial technological advancement in national and international  
54 communities:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
56 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
57 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize the Mississippi Technology  
58 Transfer Center at the John C. Stennis Space Center as a Center of  
59 Excellence for Geospatial Technologies in the State of  
60 Mississippi.

61           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
62 furnished to the Mississippi Technology Transfer Center at the  
63 John C. Stennis Space Center and to the members of the Capitol  
64 Press Corps.