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Gordon, King, Chaney, Chamberlin, Carmichael,  
Harvey, Pickering, Little, Burton, Huggins,  
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 602

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER AND CIVIC  
2 CONTRIBUTIONS OF FRED CARL, JR., OF GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI,  
3 PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF VIKING RANGE CORPORATION.

4 WHEREAS, when the leaders of industry and economic  
5 development in the Mississippi Delta are mentioned, the name Fred  
6 Carl, Jr., is first on the list; and

7 WHEREAS, Fred Carl, Jr., is a native of Greenwood,  
8 Mississippi, and attended Mississippi State University. He has a  
9 Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Delta State  
10 University in Cleveland, Mississippi, and also attended graduate  
11 school in City Planning at the University of Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Carl is the founder and Chairman, President and  
13 Chief Executive Officer of Viking Range Corporation, an industry  
14 leading manufacturer of upscale kitchen appliances for the home,  
15 which serves the North American market, as well as over 70 other  
16 countries throughout the world. Prior to founding Viking, Mr.  
17 Carl was a fourth generation building contractor, having been a  
18 design/build general contractor throughout his entire adult  
19 career. Mr. Carl is a member of the National Kitchen & Bath  
20 Association Hall of Fame and was selected as the Mid-South  
21 Entrepreneur of the Year in 1996. He is a member of the Advisory  
22 Board of Directors of Trustmark National Bank of Greenwood,  
23 Mississippi; and

24 WHEREAS, in the late 1970s Mr. Carl noticed that more and  
25 more upscale consumers, and especially celebrities and serious  
26 gourmets, were installing commercial restaurant ranges in the  
27 kitchens of their homes. When Mr. Carl and his wife, Margaret,

28 wanted one of these for their own kitchen, Carl quickly realized  
29 that true restaurant ranges were not suitable for home use due to  
30 many factors such as high heat output and poor insulation, so Carl  
31 designed a range that solved these problems yet retained the  
32 heavy-duty cooking power of its commercial counterpart. He  
33 founded Viking Range Corporation in 1984 to manufacture and  
34 distribute the product, and Carl shipped his first Viking range in  
35 January 1987. Seventeen years later, Viking continues to be the  
36 leader in this segment of the United States major appliance  
37 industry as the only manufacturer of a complete line of  
38 ultra-premium, commercial-style appliances for the home. Carl's  
39 company sells to every state in the United States through an  
40 extensive distributor network, and Viking products have been sold  
41 in over 70 international countries; and

42 WHEREAS, Mr. Carl's civic contributions are a matter of  
43 record: He serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of  
44 Directors of the Mississippi State University Foundation, the  
45 Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi  
46 Partnership for Economic Development, the Board of Directors of  
47 the Greenwood-Leflore County Economic Development Foundation, and  
48 is a member of the Governor's State Summit on Higher Education.  
49 Mr. Carl also serves on the Advisory Board of the School of  
50 Architecture, the Small Town Center Board and the Advisory Board  
51 of the College of Business and Industry at Mississippi State  
52 University. Mr. Carl served as the Chairman of the first  
53 Mississippi Blues Commission, appointed by Governor Musgrove in  
54 December 2003. The Alluvian, formerly the historic Hotel Irving  
55 in Greenwood, was one of Mississippi's most endangered buildings  
56 until Fred Carl, Jr., decided to preserve the building and  
57 revitalize the property. In the Greenwood/Leflore County  
58 Community, Fred is a member of Greenwood/Leflore Industrial Board,  
59 a member of the Trustmark Board of Directors, Past-President of  
60 the Greenwood Country Club and a member of the Vestry of the

61 Episcopal Church of the Nativity. He was recently named to the  
62 Leflore County Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Business Hall of  
63 Fame. Mr. Carl and his wife, Margaret, have one son, Chris, age  
64 24, who is employed by one of the Viking subsidiaries; and

65 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
66 entrepreneurial successes and civic dedication of this home-grown  
67 Mississippi businessman, whose contributions have brought honor to  
68 his community and to the State of Mississippi:

69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
70 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
71 we do hereby commend the career and civic contributions of Mr.  
72 Fred Carl, Jr., of Greenwood, Mississippi, President and Chief  
73 Executive Officer of Viking Range Corporation, and extend to him  
74 and his family the best wishes of the Legislature.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
76 Mr. Carl and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.