

By: Representatives Stevens, Scott, Johnson, To: Rules
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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING UNITED STATES SENATOR THAD
2 COCHRAN UPON HIS RECENT APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE
3 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

4 WHEREAS, Mississippi's Senior Senator, Senator Thad Cochran,
5 reached the height of his political career on January 5, 2005,
6 when he was unanimously voted by all 55 of his GOP colleagues as
7 Chairman of the United States Senate Appropriations Committee; and

8 WHEREAS, as the new Chairman of the Senate Appropriations
9 Committee, Cochran, a native of Pontotoc, who holds a bachelor's
10 degree from the University of Mississippi and a law degree from
11 the University of Mississippi School of Law, will head the effort
12 to divide more than \$600 billion every year among dozens of
13 agencies and thousands of programs and projects; and

14 WHEREAS, invested with a renewed responsibility, Senator
15 Cochran, now 67, has served the citizens of Mississippi in
16 Washington, D.C., since 1972 when he was first elected to the
17 United States House of Representatives, an office he held for six
18 years before seeking and winning the election for a seat in the
19 United States Senate in 1979; and

20 WHEREAS, this appointment makes Senator Cochran the first
21 Mississippian to head the appropriations panel since the late
22 Senator John C. Stennis held the position in the 1980s; and

23 WHEREAS, not only does Senator Cochran's new position place
24 him in the national limelight by holding the keys to the treasury,
25 but also seeks to foster promising benefits for the State of
26 Mississippi's economic growth and development; and

27 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
28 and commend our state's national leaders, such as Senator Cochran,
29 whose pleasant demeanor and leadership ability has been of
30 invaluable service to the citizens of Mississippi:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
33 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the political success and
34 accomplishments of Senator Thad Cochran upon his recent
35 appointment as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and
36 extend our warmest appreciation and support for his continued
37 success as he demonstrates his keen ability to lead his colleagues
38 and serve the people of Mississippi and the United States.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
40 furnished to Senator Thad Cochran and to the members of the
41 Capitol Press Corps.