

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.