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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 552

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SUCCESSFUL MUSIC  
 2 CAREER AND CIVIC DEDICATION OF COUNTRY MUSIC SUPERSTAR AND  
 3 MISSISSIPPI NATIVE FAITH HILL, CHAIRPERSON OF THE NEW MISSISSIPPI  
 4 ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER (MAEC).

5 WHEREAS, country music superstar Faith Hill has become the  
 6 new honorary chairperson for the Mississippi Arts and  
 7 Entertainment Center (MAEC), to be located in Meridian,  
 8 Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Hill, a native of Star, Mississippi, has sold  
 10 nearly 30 million records worldwide and has celebrated thirteen #1  
 11 chart positions and eighteen #1 videos. Her last two releases,  
 12 1999's *Breathe* and 2002's *CRY* both debuted at #1 on Billboard's  
 13 Top Album Chart and Country Chart. Her sixth studio album is  
 14 slated for release later this year. Ms. Hill is a multiple Grammy  
 15 Award winner, Country Music Association, Academy of Country Music,  
 16 American Music Award, People's Choice Award-winning musician; and

17 WHEREAS, Faith brings a national awareness to the project,  
 18 stating "I am proud to be from Mississippi, and this is an  
 19 exciting time for our state. I am looking forward to chairing the  
 20 honorary committee for this crucial project for the State of  
 21 Mississippi. It is important to not only celebrate our great  
 22 heritage, but to look to the future and the realization of the  
 23 MAEC"; and

24 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center will  
 25 celebrate the lives and works of the state's most accomplished  
 26 artists, while nurturing the creative genius of new generations.  
 27 It will feature a Hall of Fame, a lakeside amphitheater, a concert  
 28 hall, an artists-in-residence village, a Choctaw cultural center

29 and support facilities such as restaurants, shops and broadcasting  
30 studios. Ms. Hill has been a member of the Center's Honorary  
31 Committee since its inception in 2002. Other members of that  
32 committee include Lance Bass, Jimmy Buffett, Morgan Freeman, John  
33 Grisham, B.B. King, Leontyne Price, Charley Pride, Britney Spears,  
34 previous Chair Sela Ward and Jim Henson's Kermit the Frog; and

35 WHEREAS, Faith Hill's ten-year career has marked one of the  
36 entertainment industry's most successful and steady climbs to the  
37 top. Collectively her two top releases have sold in excess of 13  
38 million copies to date. Her ability to draw television audiences  
39 nationwide is evidenced by the success of her own network  
40 television specials; she continues to grace the cover of an  
41 eclectic mix of magazines; she performed the National Anthem at  
42 Super Bowl XXXIV and has also performed at almost every major  
43 award show, and Faith has starred in numerous motion pictures; and

44 WHEREAS, Faith is a most visible talent despite her business  
45 schedule and family obligations (she is married to country star  
46 Tim McGraw and the couple have three girls, Maggie, Audrey and  
47 Gracie); and

48 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
49 unparalleled vocal talent and popularity of this Mississippian  
50 whose success, in addition to her music business, has brought  
51 positive recognition to our state:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
53 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
54 we do hereby commend the successful music career of country music  
55 superstar and Mississippi native, Faith Hill, and for her role as  
56 Ambassador for the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center in  
57 Meridian, Mississippi, and extend to her the greetings and best  
58 wishes of the Legislature on her future endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
60 Faith Hill and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.