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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 605

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2005
2 AS "FAIR HOUSING MONTH" IN MISSISSIPPI AND ENCOURAGING ALL
3 RESIDENTS OF MISSISSIPPI TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST EQUAL HOUSING
4 OPPORTUNITY IN MAINTAINING FAIR HOUSING.

5 WHEREAS, the fundamental right of fair housing opportunities
6 is one on which our country is based. The Congress of the United
7 States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII
8 declared that the law of the land would guarantee the rights of
9 equal housing opportunity; and

10 WHEREAS, in order that all who live here now may exercise
11 these rights, maintaining and preserving them for the future, it
12 is necessary for us all to know how to protect our fair housing
13 rights; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is committed to providing
15 housing options to persons with disabilities and families that
16 include members who are persons with disabilities to be provided
17 in the most integrated setting appropriate; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is further committed to
19 developing a comprehensive plan to address needs, service options,
20 opportunities and service settings appropriate for persons with
21 disabilities and families that include members who are persons
22 with disabilities so they may participate in community life to the
23 greatest extent that is possible and that they desire; and

24 WHEREAS, public discussion of fair housing practices and
25 awareness of laws and regulations regarding fair housing serve to
26 counter discrimination in housing, and it is essential that all
27 Mississippians be aware of the need for and benefits of fair
28 housing practices; and

29 WHEREAS, "Fair Housing Month" is time set aside each year to
30 remind Americans and Mississippians that we not only have the
31 right to own and rent property, but it is an individual
32 responsibility to guard this right from any infringement; and

33 WHEREAS, all residents of this state benefit from fair
34 housing practices:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
36 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
37 we hereby designate the month of April 2005 as "Fair Housing
38 Month" in Mississippi and encourage all residents of Mississippi
39 to support and assist equal housing opportunities.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
41 furnished to the Institute for Disability Studies at the
42 University of Southern Mississippi and the Southeast Mississippi
43 Legal Services and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.