

By: Representatives Reynolds,  
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(63rd)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE MISSISSIPPI  
2 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO VIGOROUSLY SUPPORT THE FULL  
3 APPROPRIATION OF PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED THIRD-YEAR HAVA FUNDING IN  
4 THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$6 MILLION AND FOR ADDITIONAL MONIES  
5 FOR DISASTER RELIEF FOR THE ELECTIONS INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE STATE  
6 OF MISSISSIPPI THAT HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY HURRICANE KATRINA.

7 Whereas, the United States Congress has authorized the  
8 distribution of approximately \$34 million to the State of  
9 Mississippi over a three-year period to defray the costs  
10 associated with implementation of the Help America Vote Act of  
11 2002; and

12 Whereas, third-year funding for these authorized  
13 distributions amounting to approximately \$6 million has not yet  
14 been appropriated and has, therefore, not been received by the  
15 State of Mississippi; and

16 Whereas, Hurricane Katrina destroyed much of the elections  
17 infrastructure in many counties in the State of Mississippi struck  
18 by this storm, including the destruction of polling places and  
19 damage to courthouses and to election equipment and records, and  
20 the extent of said damage is not yet known; and

21 Whereas, Hurricane Katrina has severely curtailed revenue to  
22 the State of Mississippi making the need for third-year HAVA  
23 funding even more acute; and

24 Whereas, even had the hurricane not struck Mississippi, there  
25 was already a pressing need for funds to purchase additional  
26 voting machines for the counties of the state in order for them to  
27 fully comply with the federally mandated requirements of HAVA; and

28 Whereas, without third-year federal funding in the authorized  
29 amount of approximately \$6 million, those counties struck by

30 Hurricane Katrina can not possibly comply with HAVA by the January  
31 1, 2006, deadline:

32           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
34 THEREIN, That the Mississippi Legislature does respectfully urge  
35 the Mississippi Congressional Delegation to vigorously support the  
36 full appropriation of previously authorized third-year HAVA  
37 funding in the State of Mississippi in the amount of approximately  
38 \$6 million and for additional monies for disaster relief for the  
39 elections infrastructure of the State of Mississippi that has been  
40 damaged or destroyed.

41           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
42 furnished to the Mississippi Congressional Delegation and to the  
43 members of the Capitol Press Corps.