

By: Representative Miles

To: Sel Cmte on Hurricane  
RecoveryCOMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO  
2 WAIVE ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE OR LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS AND ALL  
3 TIME LIMITS IN WHICH TO COMPLETE EMERGENCY WORK FOR DAMAGE TO THE  
4 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CAUSED BY OR RESULTING FROM HURRICANE  
5 KATRINA.

6 WHEREAS, on the 29th day of August, 2005, the State of  
7 Mississippi, especially the Gulf Coast region and the southern  
8 part of the state, was devastated by Hurricane Katrina, a storm of  
9 historic proportions; and

10 WHEREAS, there was great loss of life and property as a  
11 result of said storm; and

12 WHEREAS, the direct and indirect damage to the public  
13 infrastructure of the State of Mississippi and the local  
14 communities in the affected counties was immense; and

15 WHEREAS, damage estimates are now in the hundreds of millions  
16 of dollars; and

17 WHEREAS, due to the enormity of the damage, normal state and  
18 local procurement processes are inadequate to allow response in a  
19 timely manner; and

20 WHEREAS, the extent of the damage is such that the tax base  
21 of both the local communities and the state at large will be  
22 adversely affected; and

23 WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Mississippi, Governor  
24 Haley Barbour, has officially requested that the President of the  
25 United States waive all requirements for state or local matching  
26 funds and operating assistance restrictions for projects to  
27 restore the public infrastructure within the State of Mississippi

28 and provide one hundred percent federal funding for these  
29 projects; and

30 WHEREAS, Governor Haley Barbour additionally has requested  
31 that the President of the United States waive all time limitations  
32 in federal assistance programs for a period of twenty-four months,  
33 and the president has acceded to this request:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
35 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
36 THEREIN, That the Congress of the United States of America is  
37 urged and requested to support the president's waiver of time  
38 limitations in federal assistance programs relating to the  
39 devastation created by Hurricane Katrina, waive all requirements  
40 for state or local matching funds and operating assistance  
41 restrictions for projects to restore the public infrastructure  
42 within the State of Mississippi, provide one hundred percent  
43 federal funding for these projects and enact all legislation  
44 necessary to accomplish these purposes.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
46 furnished to President George W. Bush, the President of the United  
47 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
48 Representatives, members of the Mississippi Congressional  
49 Delegation, Governor Haley Barbour and members of the Capitol  
50 Press Corps.