

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE EMPLOYEES OF THE
2 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR THEIR ZEAL, DEVOTION AND DEDICATION RENDERED
3 IN ASSISTING FAMILIES IN THE WAKE OF THE AFTERMATH CAUSED BY
4 HURRICANE KATRINA.

5 WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005, the forces of nature unleashed
6 its fury on the Mississippi Coastal region in the form of a
7 spiraling storm, which became known and feared as Hurricane
8 Katrina; and

9 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the devastation and turmoil
10 caused by Hurricane Katrina, our state's commander in chief, the
11 Honorable Governor Haley Reeves Barbour, seized the reins, leading
12 in the humanitarian effort of recovery and relief, along with
13 First Lady Marsha Barbour who contributed countless hours of hard
14 work, making personal contact with those most affected; and

15 WHEREAS, following the initiative of their leader, the
16 Governor's staff rolled up their sleeves and worked relentlessly,
17 tirelessly and selflessly to assist in the recovery, relief and
18 rebuilding efforts of the regions impacted by Hurricane Katrina;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the unceasing outpouring of compassion and sympathy
21 of these individuals who left their families behind to aid those
22 in distress are testaments of the warmth, care and concerns
23 Mississippians share for one another; and

24 WHEREAS, being at ground zero, the mere presence of these
25 employees, some known and others unknown, eased the surmounting
26 tensions, soothed the broken hearted and restored hope to
27 thousands whose lives and memories of what used to be, were all
28 but washed away with the raging winds and waters; and

29 WHEREAS, these individuals, who stepped out of an oasis of
30 calm and normalcy into a sea of utter despair almost unfathomable
31 to behold, in efforts of rekindling the flame of life are: Marsha
32 Barbour, Ryan Annison, Wayland Adams, Nora Blake Albert, Mary
33 Alice Browning, Luis Bruno, Joe Buckner, Buddy Bynum, Linda Byrd,
34 Neely Carlton, Debbie Carney, Brenda Dean, Jason Dean, Joey
35 Denson, Rachael Ellis, Cora Gee, Laura Beth Hebbler, Paul Hurst,
36 Steve Janzen, Lee Jenkins, Andrew Ketchings, Dorothy Kuykendall,
37 Mary Lorenz, Parks McNabb, Daryl Neely, Joe Nosef, Jim Perry,
38 Charles Pittman, Norma Price, Darlene Ratliff, Ginny Roberts, John
39 Rounsaville, Ann Sisk, Pete Smith, Rebekah Staples, Kathryn
40 Stewart, Nicole Stofer, Adam Todd, Kay Troxler, Lillie Turnage,
41 Max Wells and Charlie Williams; and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend and
43 recognize the efforts of the humble individuals who gave of their
44 time and their labor to extend the unsurpassable gesture of
45 brotherly love to their fellowman:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
48 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the employees of the Governor's
49 Office for their zeal and devotion to assisting families in the
50 wake of Hurricane Katrina's aftermath.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
52 furnished to the Governor's staff and to the members of the
53 Capitol Press Corps.