

By: Representatives Davis, Beckett, Carlton, Denny, Gibbs, Hamilton (109th), Howell, Moore, Read, Rogers (14th), Rotenberry, Upshaw, Warren To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98

1 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE
2 REPUBLIC OF ITALY FOR THEIR GENUINE CONCERN FOR AND CONTRIBUTIONS
3 TO THE PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HURRICANE
4 KATRINA.

5 WHEREAS, immediately following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the
6 Honorable Consul General of Italy in Miami, Gianfranco Colognato,
7 and Italy's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, acting through the Office
8 of His Excellency, the Italian Ambassador Sergio Vento in
9 Washington, took massive steps to secure much needed relief
10 supplies for the people of the great State of Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, the much needed supplies were assembled immediately,
12 without hesitation, and flown directly from Italy to the United
13 States by two Italian military C-130 aircraft; and

14 WHEREAS, the supplies--nearly 40 tons of real help for the
15 State of Mississippi--included baby food and formula, foodstuffs,
16 cots, sheets, blankets, suction pumps, self-inflating rafts,
17 chlorine tablets and, among other items, personal health kits
18 sufficient to supply the needs of 12,000 to 15,000 Mississippians
19 for 48 to 72 hours; and

20 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mississippi House of
21 Representatives to officially thank Italy's Ministry of Foreign
22 Affairs and the Italian Republic and its people for their genuine
23 heartfelt concern:

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
26 extend our sincerest thanks and respect to the Italian Republic,
27 Italy's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Italian people, whose
28 actions and contributions following the destruction wrought by

29 Hurricane Katrina served to provide real help to the State of
30 Mississippi, thereby immediately improving the lives of countless
31 Mississippians during their time of great need.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
33 furnished to the Honorable Consul General of Italy in Miami,
34 Gianfranco Colognato, Italy's Ministry of Foreign Affairs through
35 the Office of His Excellency, the Italian Ambassador Sergio Vento
36 in Washington, and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.