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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING *THE SUN*
2 *HERALD* UPON BEING A RECIPIENT OF A PULITZER PRIZE FOR PUBLIC
3 SERVICE.

4 WHEREAS, on Monday, August 21, 2006, *The Sun Herald* newspaper
5 received a Pulitzer Prize for public service, in addition to
6 having three of its editors listed as finalists for a prize in
7 editorial writing; and

8 WHEREAS, upon receiving notice of the grand achievement,
9 Executive Editor Stan Tiner dedicated the medal to the people of
10 South Mississippi, "whose magnificent hearts and spirits" moved
11 the staff to share the story of their struggle and triumphs; and

12 WHEREAS, serving as a reflection of the community's pain,
13 joy, unbelievable agony and everything accompanied therewith, *The*
14 *Sun Herald* was recognized for its "valorous and comprehensive
15 coverage of Hurricane Katrina, providing a lifeline for devastated
16 readers in print and online, during their time of greatest need";
17 and

18 WHEREAS, while basking in the grandeur of this
19 accomplishment, additional honors poured in as Tiner and editorial
20 writers, B. Marie Harris and Tony Biffle, were named finalists in
21 the Pulitzer editorial writing category for their "passionate
22 editorials in the wake of Hurricane Katrina that empathized with
23 victims while pleading for relief from the outside world"; and

24 WHEREAS, also worthy of notable praise are the many men and
25 women on staff who, even in the midst of the darkest hours of
26 Hurricane Katrina, put aside their personal losses to focus on the
27 greater causes of humanity, by informing their fellow citizens and

28 emotionally shattered comrades of the plight of their beloved
29 community; and

30 WHEREAS, not missing a single day's publication in the
31 aftermath of this most horrific storm, employees of *The Sun Herald*
32 exhibited the makings of true journalists, going above and beyond
33 the call of duty, exemplifying selflessness to give the most
34 accurate and complete account of events as they unfolded; and

35 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
36 and commend excellence in editorial journalism as produced by *The*
37 *Sun Herald*, which has brought great honor and national attention
38 to itself and the Mississippi Gulf Coast:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
41 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate *The Sun Herald*
42 upon receiving a Pulitzer Prize for public service and express our
43 support and best wishes for continued success in all its future
44 endeavors.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
46 furnished to *The Sun Herald* and to the members of the Capitol
47 Press Corps.