

By: Representatives Holloway, Barnett,
Hudson, Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING RESPONSE
3 TO HURRICANE KATRINA.

4 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Rural Water Association is a
5 nonprofit organization established in 1978 to aid small towns and
6 rural community water and wastewater systems through training and
7 on-site technical assistance, and their assistance is geared
8 toward the management, operation and maintenance of water and
9 wastewater systems and to aid them in understanding the rules and
10 regulations regarding such operation; and

11 WHEREAS, for years, the Mississippi Rural Water Association
12 has provided water and wastewater training and technical
13 assistance to the small towns and rural communities in all 82
14 Mississippi counties; and

15 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Rural Water Association promotes
16 water conservation and protection through public awareness
17 campaigns and technical assistance activities, and they produce
18 and mail thousands of information pieces each year to keep
19 industry and government leaders up-to-date on issues important to
20 the rural water and wastewater industries, thus aiding in the
21 development of effective regulations; and

22 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Rural Water Association has
23 contracts through the National Rural Water Association, the
24 Mississippi State Department of Health, the Mississippi State
25 Revolving Fund and the South Eastern Technical Assistance Center;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, during Hurricane Katrina, the Mississippi Rural
28 Water Association's staff collectively worked many thousands of
29 hours assisting water and wastewater systems to return them to
30 working condition in order for the citizens of Mississippi to have
31 potable drinking water; and

32 WHEREAS, the staff of the Mississippi Rural Water Association
33 is still providing water and wastewater technical assistance to
34 systems affected by Hurricane Katrina; and

35 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Rural Water Association won the
36 prestigious Platinum Pump for Excellence in Rural Water Response
37 at the National Rural Water Association's Annual Tribute to
38 Excellence Awards Ceremony held in Dallas, Texas, for their
39 efforts following Hurricane Katrina; and

40 WHEREAS, the citizens of Mississippi will never forget the
41 immediate response and continued dedication by the staff of the
42 Mississippi Rural Water Association following this great disaster
43 which befell our state, and these extraordinary individuals merit
44 a special measure of commendation for their commitment to the
45 people of Mississippi in our time of need; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend
47 excellence as evidenced by the staff of the Mississippi Rural
48 Water Association following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE
51 CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the staff of the
52 Mississippi Rural Water Association for outstanding and highly
53 effective efforts during and after Hurricane Katrina, express
54 enduring gratitude and appreciation for the thousands of hours
55 spent by these workers testing water and wastewater systems in
56 order for the people of Mississippi to have potable drinking
57 water, and express appreciation to these individuals for their
58 remarkable assistance to their fellow citizens in an historic time
59 of need.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copies of this resolution be
61 furnished to Mr. Pete Boone, Executive Director of the Mississippi
62 Rural Water Association, and to the members of the Capitol Press
63 Corps.