

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.