

By: Senator(s) Doxey, Carmichael, Frazier,
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 584

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LEPHER
2 JENKINS, WARDEN OF THE MARSHALL COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, FOR
3 BEING SELECTED AS THE GEO NORTH AMERICA "WARDEN OF THE YEAR" FOR
4 2006.

5 WHEREAS, the Marshall County Correctional Facility (MCCF) in
6 Holly Springs, Mississippi, was recently honored to have one of
7 its own supervisors, Warden Lepher Jenkins, awarded GEO Group,
8 Inc. (North America) "Warden of the Year" for 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, Lepher Jenkins joined GEO on October 1, 2000, and
10 was assigned to the North Texas Intermediate Sanction Facility as
11 Warden. On October 1, 2001, Mr. Jenkins was reassigned to the
12 John Lindsey facility in a lateral move and on January 20, 2004,
13 he was reassigned to the Marshall County Correctional Facility
14 (MCCF) in Holly Springs, Mississippi, as the interim Warden and on
15 March 26, 2004, he was selected as the permanent Warden of the
16 facility; and

17 WHEREAS, during 2005, Warden Jenkins worked diligently to
18 enhance the effectiveness of security operations at the
19 institution. He coordinated with the Mississippi Department of
20 Corrections to facilitate joint training exercises with the
21 department's Emergency Squad, an exchange which had never before
22 been accomplished with any private company; and

23 WHEREAS, Warden Jenkins, noting the necessity for
24 improvement, reinforced the perimeter security with the
25 implementation of additional microwaves and razor wire and
26 modernized the electronics of the Central Control Center. He
27 successfully secured an ION scan device that reduced drug
28 introduction into the facility. Warden Jenkins was also

29 instrumental in spearheading the transition of the Grenada County
30 Jail, a former CSC facility, into the GEO organization; and

31 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2006, Warden Jenkins received a royal
32 greeting from the staff when he returned to the facility following
33 the Leadership Conference and was awarded the "Warden of the Year"
34 Award by corporate officials. A luncheon was held in his honor
35 with the Mississippi Department of Corrections' Deputy
36 Commissioner of Institutions, Emmett Sparkman, and members on the
37 Community Relations Committee in attendance; and

38 WHEREAS, this award was given to the person whose life best
39 characterizes what this facility and company stand for -- honesty,
40 integrity, effective and efficient performance. Warden Jenkins
41 impresses upon staff to be the best and live up to these
42 standards; and

43 WHEREAS, this recognition is a direct result of his hard work
44 during his more than 34 years as a corrections professional, as
45 well as his contributions and organizational effectiveness for the
46 past two years at MCCF; and

47 WHEREAS, any place Warden Lepher has worked is better when he
48 left because of what he brought there. His pride, professionalism
49 and quiet confidence have made him a true leader; and

50 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize this
51 accomplishment by a professional, dedicated supervisor who has
52 inspired inmates and employees alike and has set high standards
53 for other Mississippians to follow:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
55 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
56 we do hereby commend and congratulate Lepher Jenkins, Warden of
57 the Marshall County Correctional Facility (MCCF) in Holly Springs,
58 Mississippi, for being selected as the GEO Group Inc. (North
59 America) "Warden of the Year" for 2006, and extend to him and his
60 family the best wishes of the Legislature in his future endeavors
61 at MCCF.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
63 Warden Lepher Jenkins, be forwarded to John Hurley, Senior Vice
64 President of GEO Group, Inc., and be made available to the Capitol
65 Press Corps.