

By: Senator(s) Brown, Butler, Dearing,  
Frazier, Horhn, Jackson (11th), Jordan

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 619

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
2 HONORABLE ROBERT (BOB) LAZARUS AS THE FIRST AND ONLY ATTORNEY FROM  
3 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO BE ELECTED TO THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF  
4 BOND COUNSEL.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi law firm of Watkins Ludlam Winter &  
6 Stennis recently announced that Robert (Bob) S. Lazarus has been  
7 elected as a Regular Fellow of the American College of Bond  
8 Counsel by a unanimous vote of the college's board of directors;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Bob is the first and only attorney from the State of  
11 Mississippi to be elected to this honorary college; and

12 WHEREAS, the American College of Bond Counsel is a national  
13 group of approximately 200 experienced bond counsel organized for  
14 the purpose of promoting the high standards of professional and  
15 ethical responsibility in the practice of municipal finance.  
16 Membership is exclusive and is by invitation only. Members must  
17 have demonstrated a career as a distinguished municipal law  
18 practitioner for a period of not less than ten years and undergo  
19 an extensive nominating process by the existing members before  
20 election by the Board of Directors of the College; and

21 WHEREAS, the American College of Bond Counsel was formed in  
22 1995 for the purpose of recognizing lawyers who have established  
23 reputations among their peers for their skill, experience and high  
24 standards of professional and ethical conduct in the practice of  
25 bond law. The college believes that a bond lawyer's expertise can  
26 best be judged by his or her peers and has sought to admit to  
27 membership in the college only bond lawyers that have long  
28 experience and outstanding reputations in the field of municipal

29 bond law. Membership in the college is extremely limited and  
30 admission as a Fellow (i.e., member of the college) is a  
31 recognition of the lawyer's accomplishments and legal expertise in  
32 the field of bond law; and

33 WHEREAS, Bob graduated Cum Laude from the Boston University  
34 School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1976. He is listed in  
35 The Best Lawyers in America, Corporate Law; and listed in Chambers  
36 USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers. Bob is a member of The  
37 American Bar Association, The Mississippi Bar, Hinds County Bar  
38 Association, National Association of Bond Lawyers and the Ohio  
39 State Bar; and

40 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we acknowledge this  
41 special recognition by a Mississippi attorney who has brought  
42 honor to his profession, his firm and to the State of Mississippi:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
44 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
45 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Honorable Robert (Bob)  
46 S. Lazarus as the first and only attorney from the State of  
47 Mississippi to be elected to the prestigious American College of  
48 Bond Counsel, and extend to him and his firm the best wishes of  
49 the Legislature in their future endeavors.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
51 Bob Lazarus, forwarded to the Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis Law  
52 Firm and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.