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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 72

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING PROFESSIONAL RODEO
2 COMPETITOR ROVESKEY "FATTY" HICKMAN FROM SHUQUALAK, MISSISSIPPI,
3 FOR HIS SUCCESS AND FAME IN REPRESENTING MISSISSIPPI ON THE SECOND
4 SEASON OF THE NATIONAL TV SHOW *ULTIMATE COWBOY SHOWDOWN:*
5 *ALL-STARS.*

6 WHEREAS, Shuqualak, Mississippi, Rodeo Competitor Roveskey
7 "Fatty" Hickman knows what it takes to work and win. He started
8 competing in rodeo roping events all over Mississippi at a young
9 age, and his skill earned him a Rodeo College Scholarship. He was
10 a finalist for the United States Team Roping Championship for the
11 last five years, and he has won five saddles; and

12 WHEREAS, "Fatty" had to work his way up to his dream job of
13 being a ranch manager of a 1,100 acre cattle ranch. His true goal
14 is to own a ranch that he can pass down to future generations and
15 continue competitive roping on the pro rodeo circuit. Luckily,
16 good fortune came in the form of another chance to compete on the
17 popular national subscription TV show *Ultimate Cowboy Showdown:*
18 *All-Stars;* and



19 WHEREAS, on March 7, 2023, General Entertainment Network *INSP*
20 announced the members of the All-Stars Edition of *Ultimate Cowboy*
21 *Showdown*. Top cowboys from the first three seasons of the
22 fan-favorite original cowboy competition series returned for a
23 second chance to prove they have what it takes to win. Host Trace
24 Adkins said, "When we opted to make an All-Stars Edition of
25 *Ultimate Cowboy Showdown*, we knew the best-of-the-best from
26 previous seasons would bring their A game in pursuit of the
27 life-changing prize. Each competitor's grit and endurance are put
28 to the test, in ways not even they could have imagined."
29 Returning from Season Two was Roveskey "Fatty" Hickman from
30 Shuqualak, Mississippi; and

31 WHEREAS, to demonstrate "Fatty" Hickman's national exposure,
32 *INSP* is available nationwide to more than 55 million households
33 via MVPSSs, including DISH, DIRECTV, Comcast Xfinity, Cox
34 Communications, Charter Spectrum, National Cable Television
35 Cooperative, Verizon Fios, AT&T U-verse and Sling TV. These
36 networks provide a trusted viewing experience of timeless Westerns
37 and films focused on adventure; and

38 WHEREAS, in an interview with the network magazine, "Fatty"
39 stated that the essential parts of being a cowboy are grit and
40 determination. He believes everybody has to have some heart in
41 their job. He explains, "I'm somewhat of a first-generation
42 cowboy, but I guess I'm a third-generation horseman. My dad's a
43 team roper, and he rides and trains horses. His father was more



44 of a cattleman. So I guess I took both of them and put them
45 together"; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this young
47 Mississippi citizen who is a role model for his generation and who
48 has brought honor to his family, his community and to the State of
49 Mississippi:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate
52 Professional Rodeo Competitor Roveskey "Fatty" Hickman from
53 Shuqualak, Mississippi, for his success and fame in representing
54 Mississippi on the second season of the national TV show *Ultimate*
55 *Cowboy Showdown: All-Stars*, and extend the best wishes of the
56 Mississippi Senate to Roveskey and his family for future success
57 on the *Ultimate Cowboy Showdown* national TV series, in his
58 professional rodeo competitions, and in his many ranch management
59 and community service projects.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
61 Roveskey "Fatty" Hickman and his brother, State Senator Rod
62 Hickman (District 32), forwarded to the Management of the Dixie
63 National Rodeo, the Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and
64 Commerce, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

