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To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 566

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION WELCOMING UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN  
2 AND MAJORITY WHIP JAMES E. (JIM) CLYBURN (D-SOUTH CAROLINA) TO THE  
3 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AS THE FEATURED SPEAKER FOR THE FOUNDATION OF  
4 EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FEED) TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL  
5 BANQUET PROGRAM ENTITLED "A CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN" AND INVITING  
6 MISSISSIPPI CITIZENS TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.

7 WHEREAS, on Thursday, January 29, 2009, the Foundation of  
8 Education and Economic Development (FEED) is presenting its  
9 Twenty-third Annual Banquet. The theme for this year's  
10 festivities is "A Change We Can Believe In." FEED, a public  
11 service organization, was founded by State Representatives Edward  
12 Blackmon, Jr., Tyrone Ellis, Charles Young, Sr., and the late  
13 Isaiah Fredericks; and

14 WHEREAS, this year's event will be hosted by WLBT's  
15 television personality and evening news anchor Maggie Wade. The  
16 featured speaker will be Congressman James "Jim" Clyburn of  
17 Columbia, South Carolina, District 6. Congressman Clyburn is the  
18 Majority Whip in the United States House of Representatives. A  
19 sixteen-year veteran of Congress, Mr. Clyburn is the third highest  
20 ranking member in the House of Representatives; and

21 WHEREAS, Congressman Clyburn will be introduced by Second  
22 Congressional District Congressman Bennie Thompson, Chairman of  
23 the Homeland Security Committee; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Willie Simmons is Chairman of the FEED Board  
25 of Directors. FEED directs afterschool tutorial programs in 22  
26 counties throughout the state. FEED also has an ongoing  
27 commitment to access for higher education. Through its  
28 philanthropic arm, FEED annually provides \$35,000.00 to a



29 revolving loan program administered by the state's HBCUs, Hinds  
30 Community College and Coahoma Community College; and

31 WHEREAS, on November 16, 2006, the House Democratic Caucus  
32 unanimously elected Congressman James E. Clyburn of South Carolina  
33 Majority Whip for the 110th Congress. This was an historic day  
34 for House Democrats, having just won back the majority for the  
35 first time in 12 years. It was also historic for Jim Clyburn, who  
36 became the first South Carolinian and the second African-American  
37 to ascend to the third ranking position in the United States House  
38 of Representatives. He had easily won the general election for  
39 South Carolina's Sixth Congressional District, and was sworn in as  
40 a member of the United States House of Representatives in January  
41 1983, the first African-American South Carolinian to serve in  
42 Congress since 1897. Congressman Clyburn began his steady climb  
43 on Capitol Hill, winning election as co-President of his freshman  
44 class. Six years later, he was unanimously elected Chair of the  
45 Congressional Black Caucus and to a seat on the coveted  
46 Appropriations Committee. In 2002, he was elected in a three-way  
47 race to serve as Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, and in  
48 January 2006, his peers unanimously elevated him to Chair of the  
49 Caucus. In addition to serving as House Majority Whip,  
50 Congressman Clyburn serves as leader of the House Democrat's Faith  
51 Working Group. The Clyburns have three daughters, Mignon, Angela  
52 and Jennifer Clyburn Reed; a son-in-law, Walter Reed; and two  
53 grandchildren, Walter A. Clyburn Reed and Sydney Alexis Reed; and

54 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we welcome a respected  
55 national leader to our state:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
57 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
58 we do hereby welcome and extend our best wishes to United States  
59 Congressman and Majority Whip James E. (Jim) Clyburn (D-South  
60 Carolina) to the State of Mississippi as the featured speaker at  
61 the Foundation of Education and Economic Development (FEED)



62 Twenty-third Annual Banquet program entitled "A Change We Can  
63 Believe In" and invite all Mississippi citizens to attend this  
64 event.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
66 Congressman Clyburn, forwarded to the Governor and Board of  
67 Directors of the Foundation of Education and Economic Development,  
68 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

