A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SALUTING THE
MISSISSIPPI POULTRY ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 75TH
ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Poultry Association was formed in
1937 as the Mississippi Poultry Improvement Association to help
battle poultry diseases and promote the development of the
industry; and

WHEREAS, poultry is Mississippi's largest agricultural
commodity. The poultry industry today has more than a $6 Billion
impact on the state's economy, and has 28,000 employees, resulting
in another 27,000 jobs, with 20 processing facilities and 2,000
growers; and

WHEREAS, the industry locations in Mississippi include
growers, feed mills, hatcheries, processing plants, laboratories
and company headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi ranks fifth in the nation in poultry
production; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi's Third Congressional District leads the
nation in poultry production among all districts and leads the
nation in poultry and egg production; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi's companies process 757 million birds
per year (250 times the human population of the state) and 400
million table eggs per year. More than $2.4 Billion was paid to
farmers in 2011. Wages and salaries of the industry totaled more
than $2.1 Billion. The industry has grown from small, family
owned businesses and farms into an integrated global industry with
about 12% of broiler production exported worldwide; and
WHEREAS, the Mississippi Poultry Association helped initiate
the Emerging Crops Loan program passed by the Legislature that has
made it easier for many more farmers to enter the poultry
industry. The Mississippi Poultry Association works closely with
Mississippi State University, the Mississippi Department of
Agriculture and Commerce, the Board of Animal Health and the U.S.
Department of Agriculture in supporting the poultry industry; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi poultry companies donate thousands of
pounds of their products annually to fight hunger and to aid and
develop their communities, and it is with great pride that we
honor the civic and economic contributions of this Mississippi
agribusiness association:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCOURRING THEREIN, That
we do hereby recognize and salute the Mississippi Poultry
Association on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary and extend our
best wishes to its Board of Directors on this auspicious event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Poultry Association,
forwarded to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, and
made available to the Capitol Press Corps.