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***SENATE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
No. 627***

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Secretary

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 627

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT.

WHEREAS, in December 2000, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, a federal act, was signed into law; and

WHEREAS, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act provides federal funds to counties and school districts with national forest lands located within the county boundaries; and

WHEREAS, 33 counties have substantial tracts of land in public ownership which can neither be developed nor taxed to generate revenue from economic activity or taxation; and

WHEREAS, these counties have United States National Forests within its boundaries and have received critical funds for roads and schools based on revenues generated from these forests; and

WHEREAS, the payments provided to these counties have been a consistent and necessary source of funding for the schools, teachers and students; and

WHEREAS, in October 2008, the United States Congress reauthorized, for a period of 4 years, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act and the act expires on October 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the funding provided through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act significantly contributes to the local economy of these counties by providing

the necessary funds for schools and roads, which is vital for sustained economic development; and

WHEREAS, these counties depend on the funding from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act and unless continued funding is secured through legislation as deemed appropriate by the Mississippi congressional delegation, these counties will lose critical funding for services and K-12 education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we, the members of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, respectfully request that the United States Congress extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act so that these Mississippi counties may continue to adequately maintain the roads and schools and sustain economic development in the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to President Barack Obama, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Governor of the State of Mississippi, each member of the Mississippi congressional delegation, and that copies be made available to members of the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
March 2, 2011



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 4, 2011



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES