

By: Senator(s) Lee

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 655
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SUCCESSFUL CAREER OF
2 PEARL RIVER COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK PEGGY STATEN UPON THE OCCASION OF
3 HER RETIREMENT FROM OFFICE.

4 WHEREAS, Peggy Staten, Pearl River County's Circuit Clerk
5 since 1980, has decided not to run for another term in office; and

6 WHEREAS, Peggy stated that she never imagined a career in
7 politics, but after serving 20 years as an elected official, she
8 says that she cannot imagine having had any other career; and

9 WHEREAS, Staten began her work in the Pearl River County
10 Circuit Court in 1975 when she was hired as a deputy circuit clerk
11 under the leadership of long-time clerk Monroe Spiers, and she
12 credits much of her success in the past and today to Spiers'
13 guidance and leadership; and

14 WHEREAS, when Spiers decided not to run for reelection in
15 1979, she hastily decided to run for the position, and as one of
16 six candidates for the office, she was the only one who had direct
17 experience and was elected; and

18 WHEREAS, since Staten took office in 1980, many changes have
19 taken place in the administration of the clerk's office, including
20 the use of technology to modernize the duties of the clerk and her
21 staff, the computerization of office records and machine-counting
22 of election results; and

23 WHEREAS, the workload of her office has increased as the
24 county's population has steadily increased, and the clerk's office
25 employs five full-time clerks who handle voter registration,
26 wedding licenses, keep records from civil circuit cases and

27 criminal circuit cases, handle appeals from justice court and
28 appeals to the Mississippi Supreme Court, account for fines and
29 restitution and costs, work with election commissioners, and
30 handle the administration of jury selection; and

31 WHEREAS, Peggy Staten's attention to detail and concern for
32 the public is evidenced by the smooth operation of her office over
33 the years and the dedication and positive attitudes of the deputy
34 clerks; and

35 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
36 dedicated public service of this public official, who has brought
37 honor to her office, her county and to the State of Mississippi:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
40 we do hereby commend the successful career of Pearl River Circuit
41 Clerk Peggy Staten upon the occasion of her retirement from
42 office, and wish her and her family much success in her future
43 endeavors.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
45 Circuit Clerk Peggy Staten and be made available to the Capitol
46 Press Corps.