

By: Senator(s) Rayborn

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARGARET B. STOKES, CIRCUIT CLERK OF
2 LAWRENCE COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM OFFICE.

3 WHEREAS, Margaret B. Stokes, the daughter of T.C. and Amanda
4 Beeson, was born and reared in Lawrence County, and was educated
5 in the Lawrence County public school system; and

6 WHEREAS, Margaret attended Southdown Trade School in
7 Louisiana, studying business; and

8 WHEREAS, she is the widow of Charles C. Stokes, Sr., and the
9 mother of three children, Chuck, Matt (who passed away in 1997),
10 and Amanda, as well as the grandmother of nine and
11 great-grandmother of two; and

12 WHEREAS, after spending the earlier years of her life as a
13 wife and mother, she went to work in the Circuit Clerk's office in
14 October, 1976, after the death of her husband; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1983, Ralph Mason, the then Circuit Clerk,
16 decided to run for Tax Assessor, so Margaret decided to run for
17 Circuit Clerk; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Mason had a stroke that same year and never
19 entered the office again; Margaret completed his term with all
20 salary and fees going to Mr. Mason; and

21 WHEREAS, elected in 1983, Mrs. Stokes took office in 1984.
22 She has run in four elections and has won each time with never
23 needing to proceed to the second primary. She has served under
24 four Governors as County Registrar; and

25 WHEREAS, Margaret has thoroughly enjoyed her 23 years in the
26 Office of the Circuit Clerk working with and for the fine people

27 of Lawrence County; and

28 WHEREAS, after her projected retirement in December of 1999,
29 Mrs. Stokes plans to continue enjoying her large family, singing
30 with her sisters, attending Gospel and Country Music shows and
31 traveling; and

32 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stokes has served her constituents both
33 faithfully and well in her tenure in office:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
35 SENATE, That we do hereby commend Margaret B. Stokes for her
36 outstanding service to the public as the Circuit Clerk of Lawrence
37 County since 1984, and as a Deputy Circuit Clerk prior to that
38 time, and congratulate her upon her retirement from that elective
39 office, wishing her and her family all the best and the joys of
40 this new phase of her life.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
42 presented to Mrs. Stokes.