

By: Senator(s) Rayborn

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JOEL R. BARR, CHANCERY CLERK OF PIKE
2 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THAT
3 OFFICE.

4 WHEREAS, Joel Rodney Barr was born on July 24, 1932, in
5 Barton, Mississippi, in eastern Pike County; and

6 WHEREAS, he was graduated from Magnolia High School in 1950;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean
9 Conflict and was stationed in Germany from 1953 until 1955; and

10 WHEREAS, he was married to the former Verena Higginbotham on
11 November 23, 1955; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Barr are the proud parents of three
13 children: Joel R. Barr, Jr., who is married to the former Robbin
14 Anthony and has two children, Dusty and Brooke; Phyllis R. Barr,
15 and Keven C. Barr, the father of Nicky; and

16 WHEREAS, he is an active member of several civic
17 organizations, including the Masons, the Shriners and the VFW; and

18 WHEREAS, he is a member of First Baptist Church of McComb;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, in his political career, he has served as Pike
21 County Tax Assessor from January of 1964 to January of 1972, and
22 served as Pike County Tax Assessor/Collector from January of 1972
23 to May of 1983; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Barr was elected Chancery Clerk in a special
25 election in May of 1983, a position which he still holds; and

26 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chancery Clerk, many

27 improvements were made to the Chancery Clerk's office as he
28 oversaw the computerization of all county records and the
29 construction of the Chancery Court Annex, as well as many other
30 county buildings; and

31 WHEREAS, he has served the people of Pike County both
32 faithfully and well in his time in public office:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
34 SENATE, That we do hereby commend Joel Rodney Barr for his
35 outstanding service to the public as the Chancery Clerk of Pike
36 County, and congratulate him upon his retirement from that
37 elective office, wishing him and his family all the best and the
38 joys of this new phase of his life.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
40 presented to Mr. Barr.