

By: Senator(s) Little, Robertson, Dearing, To: Rules
Farris, Turner, Nunnelee, Burton, Stogner,
Harvey, Kirby, Browning, Mettetal

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 88

1 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JOY T. FERGUS UPON THE OCCASION
2 OF HER RETIREMENT.

3 WHEREAS, Joy Fergus, a native of Shreveport, Louisiana, is
4 the daughter of Frank and Rook Tilley; and

5 WHEREAS, she initially came to work for the Senate as a
6 session-only employee when Carroll Gartin was Lieutenant Governor
7 and subsequently became one of only two full-time Senate
8 employees; and

9 WHEREAS, as the workload and number of Senate employees
10 increased, Joy remained an indispensable member of the staff and
11 served as a valuable repository of institutional memory; she was
12 always ready and willing to do whatever was needed to keep the
13 work of the Senate on track; and

14 WHEREAS, her retirement and that of Peggy Phillips, a
15 steadfast friend and former Senate employee, has suspended the
16 traditional lunchtime bridge game played in the interim by a
17 foursome which also included longtime House staff members Sylvia
18 Watts and Peggy Martin; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Fergus retired at the end of the 1998 Regular
20 Session, and has been and will be sorely missed as both friend and
21 colleague; and

22 WHEREAS, having been one of the legislative staff's "Mimis"
23 (as grandmothers sometimes call themselves), one of the chief
24 delights of retirement for her has been the increased opportunity
25 to spend time with her grandchildren, Lindsey and Scott Lord, and
26 with her daughters, Julie Lord and Vicki Fergus; and

27 WHEREAS, Joy and her husband, Henry, are enjoying the
28 increased time they have to spend together, including travel and
29 their frequent long walks which make Joy's retirement a very
30 special time; and

31 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Senate to thank Mrs. Fergus
32 for her many years of faithful and conscientious service to this
33 legislative body:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
35 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Joy T. Fergus for her many
36 years of service to the Mississippi State Senate, and extend our
37 heartfelt congratulations to her upon her retirement, along with
38 our best wishes to her for many healthy and happy years to come.

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