

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 88  
(As Adopted by Senate)

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.