

By: Senator(s) Hamilton, Hall

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 106  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING W.A. "BILL" TAYLOR UPON HIS INDUCTION  
2 INTO THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS HALL OF FAME.

3 WHEREAS, W.A. "Bill" Taylor, Chairman and Chief Executive  
4 Officer of The Taylor Group, Inc., in Louisville, Mississippi, was  
5 recently selected for induction into the Mississippi Business Hall  
6 of Fame; and

7 WHEREAS, W.A. "Bill" Taylor was chosen not only because of  
8 his accomplishments in the business world, but also because of his  
9 contributions to his community and state; and

10 WHEREAS, he joins other laureates who have been inducted into  
11 the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame since its founding in 1989  
12 by Junior Achievement of Mississippi and its co-sponsor, The  
13 Clarion-Ledger; and

14 WHEREAS, a 17-person selection committee, composed of  
15 business leaders and educators from across the state, chose Taylor  
16 from over 100 nominations submitted statewide; and

17 WHEREAS, W.A. "Bill" Taylor has been Chairman and CEO of The  
18 Taylor Group, originally Taylor Machine Works, since 1968; and

19 WHEREAS, a native of Winston County, W.A. "Bill" Taylor  
20 attended Mississippi College and Mississippi State University; and

21 WHEREAS, Taylor's father, W.A. "Alec" Taylor, founded Taylor  
22 Machine Works in 1927 as an automotive and repairs business, and  
23 in 1937, built the first timber skidder; and

24 WHEREAS, the company later began making forklift trucks and  
25 has diversified over the years, the latest division of which  
26 rebuilds locomotives; and

27           WHEREAS, The Taylor Group is the largest privately owned  
28 maker of lift trucks in the country and one of the largest in the  
29 world; and

30           WHEREAS, Taylor is widely known for his collection of antique  
31 fire trucks and Western art, both passions he displays in museums  
32 open to the public; and

33           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend and  
34 recognize the exemplary service of its citizens:

35           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
36 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend W.A. "Bill" Taylor upon his  
37 induction into the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame.

38           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
39 furnished to W.A. "Bill" Taylor and made available to the Capitol  
40 Press Corps.