

By: Posey, Gordon, Chaney, Dearing, Frazier, To: Rules
Gollott, Little, Scoper, Simmons

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 523

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROBERT ABRAHAM "BOBBY"
2 GREENLEE, DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE, UPON THE
3 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE
4 JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND TO THE MISSISSIPPI
5 LEGISLATURE AND FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF
6 SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF
7 MISSISSIPPI.

8 WHEREAS, Robert Abraham "Bobby" Greenlee, the Director of the
9 Legislative Budget Office is retiring from Mississippi state
10 government after 39 years of service; and

11 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee was born on October 8, 1936 in
12 Jackson, Mississippi and is the son of the late Maggie and Robert
13 Greenlee of Hermanville, Mississippi; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee graduated from Port Gibson High
15 School in 1954 and furthered his education at the University of
16 Mississippi where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon
17 fraternity and where he received a bachelor of science degree in
18 business administration in 1959; and

19 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee began his interest in state
20 government while still in college, serving as a driver for
21 Fielding Wright during Wright's 1955 campaign for his second term
22 as Governor; and

23 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee, upon his graduation from the

24 University of Mississippi worked in the Ross Barnett gubernatorial
25 campaign and later served as a colonel on Governor Barnett's
26 staff; and

27 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee began work at the Commission of
28 Budget and Accounting in January 1960 during the administration of
29 Governor Ross Barnett and continued his career there until April
30 1965 at which time he moved from Jackson to Port Gibson to serve
31 as assistant plant comptroller for Allied Chemical Company and
32 subsequently Oliver Electric Company; and

33 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee returned to work at the Commission
34 of Budget and Accounting in 1968 as chief accountant and in 1973
35 was promoted to deputy director and went on to work a total of 23
36 years for the Commission of Budget and Accounting; and

37 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee continued his service to the
38 Legislature upon the abolishment of the Commission of Budget and
39 Accounting in July 1984 by accepting the position of fiscal
40 control officer with the newly created Joint Legislative Budget
41 Committee and Legislative Budget Office; and

42 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee was promoted to Director of the
43 Legislative Budget Office in September 1984 and continued in this
44 important position for over 15 years until his retirement on
45 January 31, 2000; and

46 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee prepared two biennial and fifteen
47 annual state budget recommendations for the Commission of Budget
48 and Accounting and prepared 16 annual state budget recommendations
49 for the Joint Legislative Budget Committee; and

50 WHEREAS, during his career with the Legislature, Robert
51 Greenlee has observed the State General Fund budget recommendation
52 increase from \$254 million for fiscal biennium 1962-1964 to \$3.6
53 billion for fiscal year 2000; and

54 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee was married to his wife Mary Jane

55 Wilder of Greenwood on August 29, 1959, and they are the proud
56 parents of three children, Susan Greenlee South of Spring, Texas,
57 Charles Wilder Greenlee of Ridgeland, Mississippi, and Robert
58 Michael Greenlee who died in 1984; and three grandchildren, James
59 Robert South, Amy Elise South and Charles Wilder Greenlee, II; and

60 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee is a member of Port Gibson United
61 Methodist Church where he serves as a teacher for an adult Sunday
62 School Class; and

63 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee served for six years in the
64 Mississippi Air National Guard from 1959 to 1965 as an airman
65 first class, and

66 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee has served as a member of the Board
67 of Directors of the Mississippi Southern Bank of Port Gibson since
68 1988 and is a member of the bank's finance committee; and

69 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee is a member of the National
70 Association of State Budget Officers, which bestowed upon him in
71 May 1999 an honorary membership in recognition of his
72 contributions to state budgeting and in appreciation for his
73 service to the association; and

74 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee has been instrumental in the
75 development of important measures to strengthen the state budget
76 process including the Budget Reform Act of 1992 which limited
77 appropriations to 98% of available funds and which created the
78 General Fund Stabilization Reserve that today has a balance of
79 over \$235 million; and

80 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee has been an exceptionally qualified
81 and dedicated public servant who has devoted 39 years of his life
82 in service to the Legislature and the State of Mississippi and has

83 provided sound advice and counsel to legislators and state
84 agencies and institutions throughout this period:

85 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
86 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
87 we do hereby commend Robert A. Greenlee for his outstanding
88 service to the Legislature of the State of Mississippi and wish
89 him success in his future endeavors.

90 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
91 Robert A. Greenlee and be made available to the Capitol Press
92 Corps.