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Nunnelee, Posey, Robertson, Ross, Scoper,  
Simmons, Smith, Stogner, Thames, Tollison,  
Turner, Walls, White (29th), White (5th),  
Williamson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 596

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND JERRY A. OAKES UPON HIS  
2 RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND REAL  
3 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

4 WHEREAS, Jerry A. Oakes, a native of Jackson, Mississippi,  
5 has recently retired as Director of the Bureau of Building,  
6 Grounds and Real Property Management, Department of Finance and  
7 Administration; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1959, Jerry Oakes began his career as a draftsman  
9 for Biggs, Weir and Chandler, Architects & Engineers, in Jackson,  
10 Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, Jerry Oakes continued his work in the private sector  
12 by working for William R. Henry, Jr., Architect,  
13 (Architect/Draftsman, 1960-1966); Charles G. Mitchell, Architect,  
14 (Architect, 1966-1969); and Mitchell & Oakes Architects (Partner,  
15 1970-1977); and

16 WHEREAS, in 1978, Jerry Oakes accepted the position of Chief  
17 Architect/Assistant Director of the Bureau of Building, Grounds  
18 and Real Property Management, and in 1992, he was promoted to  
19 Director of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property  
20 Management; and

21 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as director, Jerry Oakes has  
22 been responsible for the construction of numerous state government  
23 buildings and the renovation of many others; and

24 WHEREAS, Jerry A. Oakes holds a Bachelor of Architecture from  
25 Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, and maintains several  
26 professional certifications, such as Registered Architect, State

27 of Mississippi (1964-present); Member of American Institute of  
28 Architects (1959-present); Member of Construction Specification  
29 Institute (1967-present); and Southeastern States Conference on  
30 Capital Outlay & Construction Administrators (1979-present); and

31 WHEREAS, Jerry Oakes is a retired Captain in the United  
32 States Army Corps of Engineers (1965); served in the 926th  
33 Engineer Construction Battalion, Berlin Crisis (1961-1962); served  
34 in the 17th Engineering Battalion, Second Armored Division  
35 (1957-1959); and was a Commissioned Second Lieutenant (1957); and

36 WHEREAS, Jerry Oakes and his wife, Jane, have three children  
37 and two grandchildren; and

38 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds it most appropriate to pay  
39 special tribute to such an outstanding citizen as Jerry Oakes,  
40 whose dedication and loyalty to state government has brought many  
41 contributions to this state:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
43 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
44 we do hereby commend Jerry A. Oakes upon his retirement as  
45 Director of Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property  
46 Management, Department of Finance and Administration, and wish him  
47 continued success in his future endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
49 furnished to Jerry Oakes and made available to the Capitol Press  
50 Corps.