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Turner, Walls, White (29th), White (5th),
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 596
(As Adopted by Senate)

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.