

By: Minor, Johnson (19th), White (29th), To: Rules  
Furniss, Smith, Gordon, Hewes, Gollott, King,  
Chaney, Little

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 647

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER AND PUBLIC  
2 SERVICE OF KEN WARREN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI  
3 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Ken Warren, a native of Shiloh Community in  
5 Rankin County, has announced his retirement as Executive Director  
6 of the Mississippi Department of Transportation on June 30, 2000,  
7 culminating a 37-year career with the department; and

8 WHEREAS, he was employed by MDOT in 1963, and his impressive  
9 work history is as follows: EIT 1963-1969, Project Engineer  
10 1969-1979, Resident Engineer 1979-1980, headquartered in  
11 Vicksburg, MS, Area Construction Engineer 1980-1987, headquartered  
12 in Jackson, MS, appointed State Construction Engineer 1987,  
13 appointed Assistant Chief Engineer-Operations 1992, appointed  
14 Chief Engineer 1996, appointed Executive Director 1998; and

15 WHEREAS, his professional activities are a matter of record:  
16 American Association of State Highway and Transportation  
17 Officials (AASHTO) - subcommittee on construction 1987-1992,  
18 Chairman - Pavement and Structures Task Force, Chairman - Guide  
19 Construction Specifications Committee; Standing Committees on  
20 Highways, Strategic Plan Steering Committee; Task Force on Federal  
21 Highway Administration (FHWA Strategic Plan); subcommittee on  
22 design (subcommittee responsible for developing and publishing  
23 National Transportation Design Criteria), current chairman;  
24 Projects and Planning Processes Improvements (PPPI) Task Force;  
25 Transportation Research Board (TRB), Long Term Pavement  
26 Performance Committee (LTPP 1997-2000); Latin American Trade and

27 Transportation Study, current chairman; and

28 WHEREAS, he was educated at the Cross Roads High School in  
29 Rankin County, Mississippi (1958); received his BSCE (1963) from  
30 Mississippi State University; participated in the Co-operative  
31 Education Program at Mississippi State University, beginning  
32 Summer 1958 doing six work periods with the MDOT; and became a  
33 registered Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor in Mississippi;  
34 and

35 WHEREAS, he is a native of the Shiloh Community, Rankin  
36 County, Mississippi; is married to the former Shirley Alexander of  
37 Vardaman, Mississippi; they have two children and four  
38 grandchildren; is Music Director of Porter's Chapel United  
39 Methodist Church in Vicksburg, Mississippi; and is a member of  
40 Mississippi Methodist Cursillo; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the long  
42 public service of this dedicated engineer, whose expertise has  
43 enhanced the highway system of Mississippi and brought great  
44 credibility and honor to his department and to his state:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
46 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
47 we do hereby commend the career and public service of Mr. Ken  
48 Warren, Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of  
49 Transportation, upon the occasion of his retirement after a  
50 37-year career as a professional engineer, and wish him continued  
51 success in his future endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
53 presented to Ken Warren and his family and be made available to  
54 the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the Capitol Press  
55 Corps.