

By: Senator(s) White (29th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF FORMER SENATOR  
2 WAYNE O. BURKES AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS RECEIPT OF THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI SENATE AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE.

4 WHEREAS, recipient of the Mississippi Senate Award for  
5 Distinguished Public Service presented at the 13th Annual  
6 Mississippi Senate Grand Reunion is former Senator, former Highway  
7 Commissioner, retired Major General and Commissioner of the U.S.  
8 Surface Transportation Board Wayne O. Burkes; and

9 WHEREAS, Commissioner Burkes, a Republican from Mississippi,  
10 was nominated to the Surface Transportation Board by President  
11 Clinton and was confirmed by the Senate on February 22, 1999, to  
12 complete a five-year term expiring December 31, 2002; and

13 WHEREAS, at the time of his appointment, Commissioner Burkes  
14 had served as the Mississippi Transportation Commissioner of the  
15 Central District since March 1989. Before being elected  
16 Transportation Commissioner, he served 14 years in the Mississippi  
17 Legislature, four years in the House of Representatives and ten  
18 years in the Senate. He served on the Highways and Transportation  
19 Committees for all 14 years of his legislative experience. He is  
20 a former member of the faculty at Hinds Community College; and

21 WHEREAS, a long-time Air Force and Air National Guard pilot,  
22 he has flown eight different Air Force aircraft for 7,000 flying  
23 hours and is a retired Major General from the Mississippi Air  
24 National Guard. He is a former president of the National Guard  
25 Association of Mississippi and is a life member of the American  
26 Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

27           WHEREAS, Commissioner Burkes received his B.S., M.Ed. and  
28 LL.D. degrees from Mississippi College and the M.Div. Degree from  
29 the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done  
30 advanced graduate work at the University of Southern Mississippi,  
31 and is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Pilot Training School, the  
32 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Air University's Air  
33 War College and the Transportation Executive Institute of the  
34 University of Virginia; and

35           WHEREAS, he was selected as Clinton, Mississippi's  
36 Outstanding Citizen in 1985; President of the National Guard  
37 Association of Mississippi; Commander of his American Legion Post;  
38 Hinds County Farm Bureau's "Man of the Year" for 1993; former  
39 Trustee, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center; active in civic,  
40 church and denominational affairs, he is a member of the Rotary  
41 Club; a former District Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America; a  
42 deacon in the First Baptist Church of Clinton, Mississippi; and a  
43 member of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Medical  
44 Center; he formerly served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention  
45 Board and was on the Executive Committee, Personnel and Budget  
46 Committees; and

47           WHEREAS, across the years, he has been a frequent speaker at  
48 patriotic events, civic clubs, conventions and in church services;  
49 and

50           WHEREAS, he is married to the former Ann Rushing of  
51 Mississippi; and

52           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
53 compassion, unselfish commitment, courage and conscientiousness of  
54 this dedicated public servant, who has brought great honor to the  
55 Senate and to the State of Mississippi:

56           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
57 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the public service of  
58 former Senator Wayne O. Burkes of Clinton, Mississippi, and

59 congratulate him upon his receipt of the Mississippi Senate Award  
60 for Distinguished Public Service.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
62 presented to Senator Burkes and his family at the occasion of the  
63 13th Annual Mississippi Senate Grand Reunion held on February 15,  
64 2001, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.