

By: Senator(s) White (29th), Little, Kirby,
Williamson, Johnson (19th), Hamilton,
Browning, Chaney, King, Canon, Thames, Hyde-
Smith, Harvey, Michel, Robertson, Horhn,
Jackson, Furniss, Jordan, Harden, Chamberlin,
Frazier, Gordon, Carmichael, Stogner, White (5th)

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.