

By: Senator(s) Hamilton, Harvey, Moffatt,
Browning, Dearing, Thames, Gordon

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 509

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR.
2 RONALD A. BROWN UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF
3 THE MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald A. Brown, a native of Lee County,
5 Mississippi, is retiring as Director of the Mississippi State
6 University Extension Service after a 33-year career in the field
7 of agriculture and extension education and research; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown began his career in 1968 as a teacher of
9 Vocational Agriculture at Crowder High School, Quitman County
10 School District, after earning his Bachelor's and Master's degrees
11 in Agricultural Education at Mississippi State University; from
12 1970-1972, he served as Assistant Director and Teacher of
13 Agriculture at Quitman County Area Vocational School at Marks,
14 Mississippi; in 1972, he earned his Master's degree in
15 Agricultural Education from Mississippi State University; in 1974,
16 he earned his Doctorate in Agricultural Education from the
17 University of Illinois; from 1974-1977, he served as Assistant
18 Professor of Agricultural and Extension Education, College of
19 Agriculture and Home Economics, Mississippi State University; from
20 1977-1982, he served as Associate Professor, Agricultural and
21 Extension Education, College of Agriculture and Home Economics,
22 Mississippi State University; from 1982 to the present, he served
23 as Professor, Agricultural and Extension Education, College of
24 Agriculture and Home Economics, Mississippi State University; from
25 1983 to 1985, he served as Graduate Coordinator, Department of
26 Agricultural and Extension Education, and Coordinator for
27 Education, Office of International Programs, Division of



28 Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine, Mississippi State
29 University; from 1986 to 1987, he was the Interim Assistant to the
30 Vice President for Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine,
31 Mississippi State University; from 1985 to 1996, he served as the
32 Director, Office of International Programs, Mississippi State
33 University; from 1993 to 1994, he was the head of the Department
34 of Agricultural Communications, Division of Agriculture, Forestry
35 and Veterinary Medicine, Mississippi State University; from 1989
36 to 1996, he served as the Associate Vice President, Division of
37 Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine, Mississippi State
38 University; and in addition to his instructional responsibilities,
39 from 1996, to the present he has been the Director of the
40 Mississippi State University Extension Service; and

41 WHEREAS, he is presently or has been involved in the
42 following activities in professional and honorary societies:
43 National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Phi
44 Delta Kappa, Gamma Sigma Delta, American Association for
45 Agriculture Education, Extension Committee on Policy, National
46 Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges
47 (NASULGC), Legislative Committee, the Association of Southern
48 Region Extension Directors, the Southern International Agriculture
49 Directors Association, the International Science and Education
50 Council, the Southeast Consortium for International Development,
51 the International Sorghum and Millet Collaborative Research
52 Support Program, the National FFA Foundation, the Southern
53 Association of Colleges and Schools, the Southern Region
54 Agricultural Education Research Conference; his publications,
55 instructional guides, major research accomplishments and speeches
56 are a matter of record; and he can boast of a long list of highly
57 qualified and distinguished graduate students whom he has tutored
58 and supervised master's theses and doctoral dissertations; and he
59 has consistently been rated in the highest quartile on student
60 ratings of teaching performance; and



61 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown also has committed himself to his church
62 and community; he is married to the former Virginia Moore of
63 Fulton, Mississippi, and has one daughter, Melissa, and one son,
64 Jeremy; and it is with great pride that we recognize the long and
65 dedicated education and administrative service of this citizen who
66 has brought honor to Mississippi State University, his community
67 and to the State of Mississippi:

68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
69 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
70 we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Ronald A. Brown on the
71 occasion of his retirement as Director of the Mississippi State
72 University Extension Service after a 33-year career in agriculture
73 and extension education and research, and we wish him continued
74 success in his future endeavors.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
76 presented to Dr. Ronald Brown and his family, be forwarded to the
77 President of Mississippi State University and be made available to
78 the Capitol Press Corps.

