

By: Senator(s) Harvey

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 595

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. JACK R. RHODES UPON
2 HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATIONS OF MISSISSIPPI
3 AFTER 44 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FIELD.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jack R. Rhodes has rendered invaluable services
5 to the association in its efforts to develop and improve the State
6 of Mississippi's economy through the recruitment of industry, the
7 procurement of rural development loans and grants, and the taking
8 of numerous other actions relating to the promotion of economic
9 development; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhodes, a native of Winston County, Mississippi,
11 the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Rhodes, has retired from the
12 Electric Power Associations of Mississippi as Vice President of
13 Economic Development; and

14 WHEREAS, a resident of Gluckstadt, Mississippi, Mr. Rhodes
15 grew up in the Beth Eden Community of Mississippi, and upon his
16 graduation from Louisville High School attended Mississippi State
17 University, receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry
18 in 1958; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhodes was immediately employed by the
20 Mississippi Forestry Commission as a Management Forester and later
21 as a District Forester with responsibilities of preparing timber
22 resource studies for new and expanding forestry industries; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1966, he joined the staff of the Mississippi A&I
24 Board, now the Department of Economic and Community Development,
25 as Manager of the Agricultural Industries Division and later
26 served as Associate Director and Secretary of the Mississippi
27 Marketing Council; and



28 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhodes has served as a member of the Mississippi
29 Economic Development Council since 1967, the Southern Economic
30 Development Council since 1970, and served as a special assistant
31 to Governor Paul B. Johnson; and

32 WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Commerce presented
33 two citations to Mr. Rhodes for increasing U.S. trade overseas and
34 later awarded him the President's "E" for Excellence Award in 1968
35 for work in promoting exports; and

36 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhodes joined the Electric Power Associations of
37 Mississippi in 1969 as Director of Economic Development and later
38 rising to the position of Vice President of Economic Development;
39 and

40 WHEREAS, as an active economic developer, he was one of the
41 organizers and a board member of the National Rural Economic
42 Developers Association and currently serves on the Operating Board
43 of the Mississippi Resource Center and on the Public Advisory
44 Committee of the Department of Environmental Quality; and

45 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhodes was recognized for his achievements as
46 recipient of the State of Mississippi's top economic development
47 honor, the Harry A. Martin Outstanding Mississippi Economic
48 Developer Award in 1996 and in 2001 received the Economic
49 Developer of the Year Award, the highest honor given by the
50 National Rural Economic Developers Association; and

51 WHEREAS, throughout his every endeavor, Mr. Rhodes has
52 enjoyed the loving and faithful support of his wife, the former
53 Marguerite Cumberland of Preston, Mississippi, and their one son,
54 Scott; and

55 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of
56 Mississippi to recognize and commend such outstanding
57 Mississippians for enhancing the quality of life for others
58 through their commitment and support of economic development, as
59 well as providing a shining example of good citizenship:



60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
61 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
62 we do hereby commend and praise Mr. Jack R. Rhodes for his years
63 of exemplary service in the field of economic development and
64 extend to him and his family our heartfelt wishes for many more
65 years of good health, happiness and success in all future
66 endeavors.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
68 presented to Mr. Jack R. Rhodes and his family and be made
69 available to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

