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 Harvey, Kirby, Scoper, Gordon,  
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 (19th), Chaney, Hewes, Frazier,  
 Chamberlin, Dearing, Posey,  
 Michel, Gollott, Burton, Canon,  
 Ross, Farris, Carlton, Mettetal,  
 Thames, Jordan, Turner, Johnson  
 (38th), Minor, King, Browning,  
 Carmichael, Moffatt, White  
 (29th), Cuevas, Lee, Stogner,  
 Jackson, Walls, Harden, Hyde-  
 Smith, Nunnelee, Robertson,  
 Bryan, Furniss, Smith, Simmons,  
 Blackmon, Hamilton, Dickerson, Huggins, Tollison

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF  
 2 DISTRICT 5 STATE SENATOR JOHN R. WHITE.

3 WHEREAS, State Senator John R. White, a Democrat from  
 4 Baldwin, Mississippi, has announced his resignation from the  
 5 Legislature; and

6 WHEREAS, an optometrist, John White is in his 19th year in  
 7 the Senate, representing District 5 which includes parts of  
 8 Itawamba, Lee, Prentiss and Tishomingo Counties; and

9 WHEREAS, in John White, the residents of District 5 have lost  
 10 an honest, dependable State Senator, and the residents of  
 11 Mississippi have lost 18 years of Senate experience and  
 12 unquestioned integrity; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator White is in his third term as Chairman of  
 14 the Senate Local and Private and has served with distinction on  
 15 the Appropriations, Business and Financial Institutions,  
 16 Constitution, Highways and Transportation, Insurance, Public  
 17 Health and Welfare and Universities and Colleges committees, this  
 18 committee experience representing substantial legislative  
 19 influence; and

20 WHEREAS, he was a champion of open government, consistently  
 21 supporting expansion of open meetings and open records legislation  
 22 and expressed the belief that the public had a right to know what  
 23 went on behind closed public doors; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator White is a successful practicing  
 25 optometrist, who during his term was influential in optometric



26 licensure legislation; he was a backbone of church, civic,  
27 scouting and economic development efforts across his district; he  
28 was instrumental in establishing the Brice's Crossroad National  
29 Battlefield Visitors Center and Museum near the famous battlefield  
30 site; and he was dedicated to his wife, Ann Hoover, and children,  
31 Robin, Kris and Ann; and

32 WHEREAS, Senator White served with distinction and we will  
33 miss his friendship:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
35 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the legacy of public  
36 service of District 5 State Senator John R. White of Baldwyn,  
37 Mississippi, and wish him and his family continued success in  
38 their future endeavors.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
40 John White and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

