

By: Senator(s) Johnson (19th), Carmichael,  
Dawkins, Gordon, Hamilton, Kirby, Little,  
Smith, Walden, White

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 544

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF JOHNNIE  
2 RUSSELL "RUSTY" DAWKINS, BATTALION CHIEF OF THE STARKVILLE FIRE  
3 DEPARTMENT, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, Johnnie Russell "Rusty" Dawkins, Battalion Chief of  
5 the Starkville Fire Department, passed away on Monday, November 4,  
6 2002; and

7 WHEREAS, "Rusty" Dawkins was a dedicated fire fighter with  
8 the Starkville Fire Department for 21 years; and

9 WHEREAS, "Rusty" Dawkins had served with the Starkville Fire  
10 Department since December 1981, and had risen through the ranks to  
11 become Battalion Chief in 2002; and

12 WHEREAS, "Rusty" Dawkins was greatly respected by his fellow  
13 fire fighters and was voted "Fire Officer of the Year" in 2002;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, "Rusty" Dawkins was well known and respected by the  
16 people of his community and was voted "Best Fire Fighter"  
17 (*People's Choice - Starkville Daily News*) in 1999; and

18 WHEREAS, "Rusty" Dawkins was a member of the Mississippi Fire  
19 Fighters Association and the Mississippi Fire Chief's Association;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, "Rusty" Dawkins was a native of Noxubee County and  
22 was a member of the Adaton Baptist Church; and

23 WHEREAS, "Rusty" Dawkins is survived by his wife, Dana  
24 Dawkins; daughter, Lauren; son, Tyler; father, Johnnie Mack  
25 Dawkins; mother, Betty Dawkins; sister, Sandy Dawkins; and  
26 brother, Jeff Dawkins; and



27           WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the untimely passing  
28 of this dedicated fire fighter who contributed so much to his  
29 department and community:

30           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
31 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
32 we do hereby commend the life of Johnnie Russell "Rusty" Dawkins,  
33 Battalion Chief with the Starkville Fire Department, and express  
34 our deepest sympathy to his family.

35           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
36 the family of Johnnie Russell "Rusty" Dawkins and to the  
37 Starkville Fire Department.

