

By: Senator(s) Little

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 584

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC  
2 SERVICE OF LONGTIME CORINTH CITY CLERK JIM BILLINGSLEY UPON THE  
3 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Jim Billingsley has been City Clerk of Corinth,  
5 Mississippi, since 1983, and when anyone had a question about  
6 municipal government in Corinth or in any Mississippi  
7 municipality, Jim Billingsley was the man to ask; and

8 WHEREAS, prior to beginning his career at Corinth City Hall  
9 in 1983, Billingsley worked with several other government agencies  
10 where he gained important experience in local, state and federal  
11 programs; and

12 WHEREAS, a native of Corinth, Mississippi, Billingsley  
13 received a Business Administration Degree from Mississippi State  
14 University in 1962. He enlisted in the Army and served two years  
15 in Germany, where he met his wife, the former Christine Hofmann.  
16 They were married in 1963 and have two children, Mike and Melinda;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, when he returned to Corinth, Billingsley joined the  
19 Corinth National Guard and served as Commander of the local unit,  
20 which was recognized as one of the most outstanding units in the  
21 state. He also reached the rank of Major in the Army Reserve  
22 before leaving military service; and

23 WHEREAS, after a stint in the Advertising Department at the  
24 *Daily Corinthian* newspaper, he went to work for the Corinth Urban  
25 Renewal Agency. He later became the first Executive Director of  
26 the Tennessee Valley Housing Authority. He went into private



27 business for about three years, building and managing apartments  
28 until 1983 when he was hired as City Clerk; and

29 WHEREAS, Billingsley served under four mayors, including the  
30 late John D. Mercier and E.S. Bishop. He also worked under Jack  
31 Holt and current Mayor Jerry Latch, who said, "In the eight years  
32 I worked with him, I learned that he was one of the most  
33 knowledgeable men in municipal government in the State of  
34 Mississippi"; and

35 WHEREAS, Billingsley served on the Mississippi Municipal  
36 Association, Board of Directors for eight years and served eight  
37 years as Parliamentarian for the Mississippi Municipal Clerks  
38 Association; other Mississippi municipal governments called him  
39 quite frequently for advice on municipal affairs; and

40 WHEREAS, Jim Billingsley said that every day was a new  
41 challenge, but his best memory was how the City of Corinth  
42 responded to the 1994 ice storm, with all city employees working  
43 together; and

44 WHEREAS, Jim Billingsley served with distinction and the City  
45 of Corinth and the State of Mississippi will miss his experience  
46 and leadership, and wish to express sincere appreciation to him  
47 for his record of dedicated public service:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
50 we do hereby commend the legacy of public service of longtime  
51 Corinth City Clerk Jim Billingsley upon the occasion of his  
52 retirement, for all that he has meant to the City of Corinth and  
53 his contributions to Mississippi municipal government, and extend  
54 to him the best wishes of the Legislature.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
56 Jim Billingsley and his family and be made available to the Tupelo  
57 Daily Journal and the Capitol Press Corps.

