

By: Senator(s) Little, Walden

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.

