SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 584

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, after a stint in the Advertising Department at the Daily Corinthian newspaper, he went to work for the Corinth Urban Renewal Agency. He later became the first Executive Director of the Tennessee Valley Housing Authority. He went into private
business for about three years, building and managing apartments
until 1983 when he was hired as City Clerk; and

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

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

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

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

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

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