

By: Senator(s) Little

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JANICE AMMANN ON
2 THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER 16 YEARS AS A VALUABLE
3 SESSION EMPLOYEE FOR THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE AND FOR HER PUBLIC
4 SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, when the Mississippi Senate convened in Regular
6 Session on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, Mrs. Janice Ammann also
7 returned to Jackson for her 16th Session, providing indispensable
8 public service in the Office of the Secretary where she handles
9 correspondence and proofreading responsibilities; and

10 WHEREAS, although Mrs. Ammann originally retired from working
11 for the state in 1986, she has been working as a session-only
12 employee since 1988, and has recently announced her well-deserved
13 retirement from the Senate; and

14 WHEREAS, Janice lives in Biloxi near her sister, Patti, but
15 rents an apartment in Jackson each year during the session,
16 driving home on weekends to stay with her daughter and
17 grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Janice has a history with state government. In
19 1969, a widow with two sons in college and a daughter in high
20 school, she went to work for the Law Firm of Watkins, Pyle,
21 Ludlam, Winter and Stennis and was assigned to Attorney William
22 Winter. She was introduced to politics when he ran and won the
23 Lieutenant Governor's race, and he invited her to come along with
24 him when he moved to the Capitol. As Lieutenant Governor, he
25 served as President of the Senate, and thus her history with the
26 Senate began; and

27 WHEREAS, after three years, she decided to go to Washington
28 D.C., to work for Senator John Stennis as a caseworker. But only



29 six months later, Winter called and asked her to come back to
30 Jackson to manage his campaign office in another bid for Governor.
31 She did, he won, and they moved into the Governor's Office. In
32 her words, "the beautiful Governor's Mansion." She screened all
33 his calls, maintained his schedule and appointments, attended
34 staff meetings and generally assisted the Governor in whatever way
35 she was needed. She loved the job and the hustle and bustle in
36 the position; and

37 WHEREAS, Janice met many celebrities while working for
38 Governor Winter. She has a photo taken with John Glenn and his
39 wife, Annie; one with Nancy Reagan; and another taken with Senator
40 John Stennis. She is proud of the work that was done by Governor
41 Winter while in office; and

42 WHEREAS, Janice was born in Dayton, Kentucky, across the
43 river from Cincinnati, Ohio, 20 minutes before her twin sister,
44 Patti. She married Allen Ammann of Dayton, Kentucky, on March 14,
45 1942, during World War II. Allen was assigned to Lowry Field in
46 Denver, Colorado, and they were married while he was home on a
47 five-day pass. Allen became Art Director for the Godwin Agency in
48 Jackson, Mississippi, and remained in that position until his
49 death on January 19, 1967, at the age of 47. She had one son at
50 Ole Miss, one at Mississippi State University and a daughter who
51 was a junior in high school. She took a short secretarial course,
52 went to work and the rest is history; and

53 WHEREAS, Janice's children have done well and are very close
54 to her. Her oldest son, Alan Ammann, holds a Doctorate in
55 Economics from Mississippi State University and is Professor of
56 Economics at Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina. Her
57 son, Steven Ammann, is President of People's Bank in Mendenhall,
58 Mississippi; he and his wife, Deborah, live in Mendenhall and have
59 three children and one grandchild. Her daughter, Maureen Ammann
60 Hamel, is Benefits Specialist at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport;
61 she and husband, Ray, have two children; and



62 WHEREAS, her vocabulary and knowledge amaze all of us in the
63 Senate and her appreciation of learning is very apparent in her
64 children's education; and

65 WHEREAS, former Governor William Winter characterized Janice
66 with these words: "She did so much to make my professional and
67 legal career as productive as it was. I could entrust any
68 responsibility to her with the assurance that it would be carried
69 out with the utmost confidence and professionalism. I never had a
70 more trusted or loyal associate":

71 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
72 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mrs.
73 Janice Ammann on the occasion of her retirement after 16 years as
74 a valuable session employee of the Mississippi Senate, and thank
75 her for her public service to the State of Mississippi.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
77 Janice and her family at the former Senators' reunion proceedings
78 on February 20, 2003, and be made available to the Capitol Press
79 Corps.

