

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROY GALE MARTIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO
2 THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF
3 MISSISSIPPI, AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
4 RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, in 1972, having just graduated from Mississippi
6 State University, Roy Gale Martin was employed by the Mississippi
7 Soil and Water Conservation Commission as its sole employee at
8 that time; he was only the second employee ever hired by the
9 commission; and

10 WHEREAS, Gale Martin became the first Executive Director of
11 the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission; and

12 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Executive Director, the staff
13 of the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission has
14 increased to a total of 18 employees; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin's experience and expertise have enabled
16 him to provide direction to the programs of the Mississippi Soil
17 and Water Conservation Commission; and

18 WHEREAS, under the course he has steered, Mr. Martin
19 ultimately oversaw an agency whose budget had increased to over
20 \$2,500,000 and whose state cost-share program grew to over
21 \$1,500,000; and

22 WHEREAS, Gale Martin has been a leading proponent and
23 motivator of the various projects of the Mississippi Association
24 of Conservation Districts, including the Endowment Fund,
25 Conservation Youth Camp, Tree Planting Week and the Area and
26 Annual Membership Meetings; and



27 WHEREAS, he has overseen the planning and implementation of
28 the last 31 Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts
29 Annual Meetings; and

30 WHEREAS, he has earned a reputation nationally for his
31 expertise in natural resources conservation issues and has earned
32 the respect of his peers; and

33 WHEREAS, he was selected by his peers to serve on the
34 executive board and as Treasurer of several regional and national
35 groups, including the National Association of State Conservation
36 Agencies and the Southeastern Watershed Roundtable; and

37 WHEREAS, Gale Martin retired from his position with over 30
38 years of service to the state, having served the same agency from
39 the time of his college graduation until he retired; and

40 WHEREAS, as a lifelong resident of Rankin County and a fourth
41 generation Rankin Countian, Gale is married to Pamela J. Martin
42 and is the proud father of three daughters: Julia Martin Blair,
43 Jamie Martin and Katie Martin; and

44 WHEREAS, though there may be no real retirement possible for
45 a farmer who lives on 1500 acres, Mr. Martin is definitely looking
46 forward to spending more time with his family: his two eldest
47 daughters are currently building homes on the place and his
48 parents live only a half mile down the road; and

49 WHEREAS, described by his wife as a fabulous cook and
50 multi-talented person, Gale's retirement will be filled with the
51 activities he loves; and

52 WHEREAS, not content with only these pursuits in retirement,
53 Mr. Martin has also taken on the Executive Directorship of the
54 Rankin County Chamber of Commerce; and

55 WHEREAS, it is with real pride that we express our
56 appreciation to this dedicated public servant for his
57 unprecedented contribution to the conservation of natural
58 resources in our state and nation:



59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
60 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
61 we do hereby commend Mr. Roy Gale Martin for his many
62 accomplishments and dedicated service to the State of Mississippi
63 in seeking to preserve and enhance the natural resources of the
64 state, and offer the best wishes of the Legislature to him and his
65 family upon the occasion of his retirement.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
67 presented to Mr. Martin and his family and to the Capitol Press
68 Corps.

