

By: Senator(s) Little, Blackmon, Browning, Bryan, Burton, Canon, Carlton, Carmichael, Chamberlin, Chaney, Cuevas, Dawkins, Dearing, Dickerson, Farris, Frazier, Furniss, Gollott, Gordon, Hamilton, Harden, Harvey, Hewes, Horhn, Huggins, Hyde-Smith, Jackson, Johnson (19th), Johnson (38th), Jordan, King, Kirby, Lee, Mettetal, Michel, Minor, Moffatt, Nunnelee, Posey, Robertson, Ross, Scoper, Simmons, Stogner, Thames, Tollison, Turner, Walden, Walls, White, Williamson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 105

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROBERT H. "ROB" SMITH FOR HIS  
2 OUTSTANDING LEGISLATIVE RECORD AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE  
3 OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Robert H. "Rob" Smith, a Democrat from Richland,  
5 Mississippi, is completing 24 years of outstanding, dedicated  
6 service as a member of the Mississippi Legislature, representing  
7 Copiah, Covington, Rankin and Simpson Counties, with 20 years in  
8 the Mississippi Senate and four years in the Mississippi House of  
9 Representatives; and

10 WHEREAS, in Rob Smith, the residents of District 35 are  
11 losing an honest, dependable State Senator, and the residents of  
12 Mississippi are losing 24 years of legislative experience and  
13 unquestioned integrity; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Smith is an accountant and practicing  
15 realtor, bringing much expertise to the Legislature in the field  
16 of business and property management; he is presently Chairman of  
17 the Senate Corrections Committee where he has been very active  
18 handling legislation relating to sentencing and probation which  
19 have been crucial issues during times of budget constraint and  
20 public demand for truth in sentencing; he has also served as  
21 Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Committee where he has focused on  
22 issues regarding child welfare, alternative schools, school  
23 violence and child safety; he has also served as Chairman of the  
24 Agriculture Committee where he was responsible for the  
25 "Mississippi Farm Reform Act of 1987" and championed legislation  
26 to assist emerging crops and add value to Mississippi products; he



27 has also championed legislation for veterans' benefits, including  
28 special license plates for Purple Heart recipients; he has served  
29 with distinction on virtually every other Senate committee,  
30 including Appropriations, Finance, Fees, Salaries and  
31 Administration, Education, Municipalities, Public Health and  
32 Welfare, Ports and Marine Resources, Economic Development, Tourism  
33 and Parks, Environmental Protection, Conservation and Water  
34 Resources, and Highways and Transportation, this extensive  
35 committee experience representing substantial legislative  
36 influence for his district; and

37 WHEREAS, Rob represented the Mississippi Legislature on the  
38 Governing Board and in numerous positions of committee leadership  
39 in the Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State  
40 Governments (CSG), the Executive Committee of the National  
41 Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the Southern Regional  
42 Education Board (SREB) and was an effective spokesman for our  
43 state in these regional and national forums, particularly in such  
44 committees as Education, Human Resources and Public Health; and

45 WHEREAS, Rob was born on November 3, 1951, in Jackson,  
46 Mississippi; he attended Florence High School, Hinds Community  
47 College, Mississippi State University and Mississippi College; he  
48 is active in the Baptist Church, is a Mason, a member of the Order  
49 of the Eastern Star, the Exchange Club, the Sons of the American  
50 Legion, and the National Society of Public Accountants; and he is  
51 dedicated to his daughters, Tarance McCall and Karlie Grace; and

52 WHEREAS, Senator Smith has indicated that he will retire at  
53 the expiration of his present term in order to run for statewide  
54 office and to spend time with his daughters, and the members of  
55 this Senate wish to express sincere appreciation to Rob for his  
56 many outstanding accomplishments and record of dedicated public  
57 service:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
59 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend our friend and colleague



60 Rob Smith for his legacy of public service in the Mississippi  
61 Senate and his contributions to the people of the State of  
62 Mississippi.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
64 Senator Smith and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

