

By: Senator(s) Little, Dearing, Blackmon, Browning, Bryan, Burton, Canon, Carlton, Carmichael, Chamberlin, Chaney, Cuevas, Dawkins, 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.

