

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, Simmons, Smith, Stogner, Thames, Tollison, Turner, Walden, Walls, White, Williamson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING STATE SENATOR VINCE SCOPER FOR HIS  
2 OUTSTANDING LEGISLATIVE RECORD AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE  
3 OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Vincent (Vince) Scoper, a petroleum geologist and  
5 Republican from Laurel, Mississippi, is completing 28 years of  
6 outstanding, dedicated service as a member of the Legislature,  
7 presently representing Jones County in Senate District 42; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Scoper served in the House of  
9 Representatives from 1972-1980, in the Senate from 1980-1984 and  
10 was elected again to serve in the Senate from 1988 to the present;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, in Vince Scoper, the residents of Jones County have  
13 lost an honest, dependable State Senator, and the residents of  
14 Mississippi have lost 28 years of legislative experience and  
15 unquestioned integrity; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Scoper is in his third term as Chairman of  
17 the Senate Oil, Gas and Other Minerals Committee, and has served  
18 with distinction on virtually every Senate committee, including  
19 Appropriations, Finance, Business and Financial Institutions,  
20 Constitution, Economic Development, Tourism and Parks, Forestry,  
21 Highways and Transportation, Municipalities, Environmental  
22 Protection, Conservation and Water Resources, Labor, Public  
23 Property and Public Utilities, this committee experience  
24 representing substantial legislative influence over many years;  
25 and



26           WHEREAS, as a practicing petroleum geologist and President of  
27 Mississippi Gauge and Supply Company, he brought great expertise  
28 to the Legislature regarding the regulation and unitization of oil  
29 and gas exploration and the transfer of mineral rights; and author  
30 of the book, *Come Drill a Well in My Backyard*, widely hailed in  
31 the petroleum industry as the best explanation in layman's terms  
32 of the arcane world of petroleum exploration and production; and

33           WHEREAS, born May 15, 1933, in Pass Christian, Mississippi,  
34 Vince attended Pass Christian High School, Perkinston Community  
35 College and Mississippi State University; he is an accomplished  
36 author; he is the backbone of church, civic and economic  
37 development efforts across his district; he is an active Baptist  
38 and member of the Rotary Club, Jones County Economic Development  
39 Authority, United Way, Jones County Baptist Association, American  
40 Association of Petroleum Geologists; and he is dedicated to his  
41 wife, the former Dell Dickens, and children, Stephen, Nancy,  
42 Cynthia and David; and

43           WHEREAS, Senator Scoper has indicated that he will retire at  
44 the expiration of his present term, and the members of this Senate  
45 wish to express sincere appreciation to him for his many  
46 outstanding accomplishments and record of dedicated public  
47 service:

48           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend our friend and colleague,  
50 Vince Scoper, for all that he has meant to the Mississippi  
51 Legislature and for his legacy of public service to the people of  
52 Jones County and the people of the State of Mississippi.

53           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
54 Senator Scoper and his family and be made available to the Capitol  
55 Press Corps.

