

By: Senator(s) Minor, Dearing, Little

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 115

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER ZACK
2 STEWART FOR HIS OUTSTANDING RECORD AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
3 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Zack Stewart was elected Transportation Commissioner
5 in 1983 and is completing his fifth term as Commissioner for the
6 Northern District (3); and

7 WHEREAS, Zack Stewart is viewed by colleagues in public
8 highway construction around America with a measure of respect; he
9 is past Chairman of the American Association of State Highway and
10 Transportation Officials (AACHTO); and

11 WHEREAS, he was born on June 27, 1937, in Dumas, Tippah
12 County, Mississippi; he grew up in Pontotoc County's Troy
13 Community and attended Pontotoc County schools, Itawamba Community
14 College in Fulton and Mississippi State University; he served in
15 the Marine Corps from 1958 to 1961; while in the Marine Corps, Mr.
16 Stewart completed extension work from East Carolina and North
17 Carolina State Universities; and

18 WHEREAS, he served as an engineer with WCBI-TV in Columbus
19 and was a Senior Customer Engineer for IBM Corporation; he was
20 appointed in 1972 to head the Mississippi Division of Appalachian
21 Development and was the owner of Stewart Construction Company; and

22 WHEREAS, Commissioner Stewart considers his most outstanding
23 accomplishment as Commissioner to be:

24 • Instrumental in the preparation and passage of the 1987
25 Four-Lane Highway Program;

26 • The implementation of the 1987 Highway Four-Lane Program
27 and its later additions;



28 • The establishment of the Mississippi Department of
29 Transportation, including the Intermodal Aspect and Weight
30 Enforcement responsibilities;

31 • The construction of the MDOT Administration Building in
32 Jackson, Mississippi; and

33 • Allow prisoners to pick up litter on highways; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart is married to the former Betty Joe
35 Jagers; they have four children and seven grandchildren; the
36 Stewarts are members of Hillcrest Baptist Church in New Albany;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, the members of the Senate wish to express sincere
39 appreciation to Commissioner Stewart for his many outstanding
40 accomplishments and record of dedicated public service:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend our friend Zack Stewart for
43 all that he has meant to the highway program in the State of
44 Mississippi and his unmatched contributions to the people of the
45 State of Mississippi on the occasion of his retirement from public
46 office, and we extend to him and his family the best wishes of the
47 Senate on their future endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
49 Commissioner Stewart and be made available to the Capitol Press
50 Corps.

