

By: Senator(s) Little

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF MIKE BRYANT FOR HIS
2 MANY YEARS OF CONTRIBUTION AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF
3 MISSISSIPPI AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Mike Bryant will retire as an employee of the State
5 of Mississippi on June 30, 2004, after more than 25 years of
6 committed and diligent services to the state and its citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, born on August 21, 1939, in Vicksburg, Mississippi,
8 Mike began his career with the state on June 9, 1980, with the
9 Maintenance Division of Capitol Commission; and

10 WHEREAS, at the commencement of his employment, Mike was
11 assigned to the Sillers Building, the Gartin Justice Building, the
12 Old Capitol Building, the Archives and History Building and the
13 Robert E. Lee Building before being assigned in September 1983, to
14 the Governor's Mansion on a full-time basis, fulfilling the
15 position of Facilities Manager for more than 13 years; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1996, Mike assumed new duties at the New Capitol
17 as Building Manager, a position he has maintained until his date
18 of retirement; and

19 WHEREAS, during his illustrious career with the State of
20 Mississippi, Mike has served under the leadership of six
21 governors, including Governors William Winter, Bill Allain, Ray
22 Mabus, Kirk Fordice, Ronnie Musgrove and Haley Barbour; and

23 WHEREAS, Clerk of the House, Don Richardson, former Executive
24 Director of General Services, describes Mike as "one of the most
25 dedicated employees he has had the privilege of working with"; and

26 WHEREAS, with a total of 4,750 lights illuminating the New
27 Capitol, Mike has changed every light at least once; and

28 WHEREAS, once having a staunch fear of heights, Mike overcame
29 his fear, rising to the occasion, to hoist the State Flag of
30 Mississippi on the House and Senate domes of the New Capitol,
31 allowing them to fly proudly during each session of the
32 Mississippi Legislature; and

33 WHEREAS, a devoted husband of 38 years, Mike is married to
34 the former Betty Pope of Kosciusko, Mississippi, and together they
35 have two children, Donald (Donnie) and Alison; and three
36 grandchildren, Kristen, Cody and Tyler; and

37 WHEREAS, a faithfully devoted member of the Briar Hill
38 Baptist Church of Florence, Mississippi, where he is a member of
39 the adult choir; Mike, an accomplished songster, sang with the
40 Gospel Messengers, a gospel quartet, from 1969 to 1996; and

41 WHEREAS, during the quartet's tenure, Mike and his fellow
42 members recorded three albums and performed at numerous
43 correctional facilities, serving as a source of spiritual
44 encouragement and inspiration for those incarcerated; and

45 WHEREAS, Mike has gone above and beyond the call of duty in
46 his efforts of assuring the proper operation of the facilities
47 under his management, and has used his God-given talent to render
48 assistance to those in need, in addition to providing maintenance
49 services at his church; and

50 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend
51 such an outstanding state employee as Mike Bryant, whose services
52 to the State of Mississippi and whose presence will be greatly
53 missed at the New Capitol:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
55 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mike
56 Bryant upon his retirement after 25 years of dedicated and
57 exemplary service to the State of Mississippi, and we extend to
58 him our heartiest wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
60 Mike Bryant and be made available to the members of the Capitol
61 Press Corps.