

By: Senator(s) Lee (47th), Harvey

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARION TYSON PARKER FOR HIS 50 YEARS
2 OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, on September 6, 2004, Marion Tyson "M.T." Parker
4 will celebrate 50 years of dedicated service to the State of
5 Mississippi; and

6 WHEREAS, M.T. Parker began his service on September 6, 1954,
7 as Area Forester for Hancock County and now serves as the Chief
8 Fire Investigator for the Mississippi Forestry Commission; and

9 WHEREAS, M.T. Parker is known for his commitment to forest
10 fire prevention efforts; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1990, he received the "Clyde" Fire Prevention
12 Award from the U.S. Forest Service in recognition of his
13 outstanding accomplishments in promoting forest fire prevention;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, when he first became Forester for Hancock County,
16 the county averaged 400-600 wildfires annually, and due to his
17 tireless efforts, the number of wildfires had dropped dramatically
18 to 100 annually at the time of his promotion to Assistant
19 Southeast District Forester in 1961; and

20 WHEREAS, M.T. Parker played an instrumental part in writing
21 the Tractor and Plow Safety (TAPS) Manual; and

22 WHEREAS, he has made thousands of presentations to fire
23 department personnel, forest industries, civic organizations,
24 schools and even made door-to-door calls in high-risk areas to
25 stress the need for wildfire prevention; and

26 WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General has praised the
27 professionalism and investigative efforts of M.T. Parker in
28 wildfire prosecution cases; and

29 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Senate to commend the
30 noteworthy service of the citizens of the state such as M.T.
31 Parker, whose dedicated service and professionalism is the
32 hallmark by which future foresters will be measured:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
34 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Marion
35 Tyson Parker for his 50 years of dedicated and professional
36 service to the State of Mississippi.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
38 presented to Marion Tyson Parker and the Mississippi Forestry
39 Commission.