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Walls, Jordan, Jackson (11th), Jackson  
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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PUBLIC SERVICE  
2 OF MR. JOHN H. LEE, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF MISSISSIPPI PRODUCTS,  
3 INC., AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. John H. Lee, President and Founder of  
5 Mississippi Products, Inc., has passed away; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was a graduate of Alcorn State University,  
7 with a degree in Industrial Management, and earned a Master's  
8 Degree in Business Administration from Mississippi College. Mr.  
9 Lee had an auspicious career in manufacturing and human resources.  
10 His employment history started at Ford Motor Company as a member  
11 of the Manufacturing Management Team. He also served a  
12 fourteen-year tenure as a Human Resources Manager at Siemens  
13 Entergy and Automation, and as Corporate Human Resources Manager  
14 and Plant Manager at Multicraft Enterprises; and

15 WHEREAS, in May 1988, Mr. Lee helped establish Craft-Co, a  
16 minority owned venture that manufactures electrical assemblies for  
17 the automotive industry. Mr. Lee served as Craft-Co's President  
18 and General Manager until starting his own company, Mississippi  
19 Products, Inc. (MPI); and

20 WHEREAS, in November 1992, Mississippi Products, Inc., began  
21 operation in Pearl, Mississippi, with one employee, John H. Lee.  
22 Approximately one year later, MPI moved to Jackson, Mississippi,  
23 and located in the Jackson Enterprise Center as an incubator  
24 tenant. In 1999, the company moved to its own building,  
25 increasing office and warehouse space from 4,000 square feet to  
26 more than 14,000 square feet. In 2002, Mississippi Products,  
27 Inc., soared to greater heights by operating an additional

28 location in Gulfport, Mississippi. MPI currently employs 11  
29 full-time employees with annual sales of approximately \$3 Million.  
30 Mississippi Products, Inc., is a full service distributor of  
31 medical, surgical and janitorial supplies, laboratory equipment,  
32 safety products and industrial products. MPI serves a diversified  
33 group of customers across the Southeastern United States; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. John H. Lee served in many capacities within the  
35 Greater Metropolitan area of Jackson, Mississippi: Chairman of  
36 the Mississippi Minority Business Alliance; Member of the Jackson,  
37 Mississippi, Rotary Club; Chairman of the Small Minority-Owned  
38 Business Council Metro Jackson, Mississippi, Chamber of Commerce;  
39 Board member of the Andrew Jackson Council Boy Scouts, U.S.A.; and

40 WHEREAS, his honors and awards are well documented: 2002  
41 U.S. Small Business Administration Minority Small Business Person  
42 of the Year; 2000 Mississippi Minority Business Alliance Pioneer  
43 Award; 1998 Mississippi Fast 40 Fastest Growing Private Companies;  
44 1997 Atlanta Regional Minority Supplier Distributor Firm of the  
45 Year; 1997 Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Small  
46 Business. In addition, Mr. Lee was nominated for the following  
47 awards: 2003 Inner City 100 Award presented by Mayor Harvey  
48 Johnson, Jr., City of Jackson, Mississippi; 2002 Ernst & Young,  
49 Entrepreneur of the Year Award, New Orleans, Louisiana; and

50 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee's dedicated public service was an  
51 inspiration to the citizens of his community and the State of  
52 Mississippi:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
54 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life and legacy of  
55 public service of Mr. John H. Lee, President and Founder of  
56 Mississippi Products, Inc., and extend to his surviving family the  
57 sympathy of the Senate on his passing.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
59 the surviving family of Mr. John Lee and be made available to the  
60 Capitol Press Corps.