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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF LINDA BOUNDS FOR HER  
2 MANY YEARS OF CONTRIBUTION AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF  
3 MISSISSIPPI AS SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER FOR THE MISSISSIPPI  
4 SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE AND CONGRATULATING HER UPON HER  
5 RETIREMENT.

6 WHEREAS, Linda Bounds will retire as an employee of the State  
7 of Mississippi on June 30, 2004, after more than 22 years of  
8 committed and diligent services to the state and its citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, born on June 6, 1944, in Jackson, Mississippi, to  
10 J.O. and Helen Roberts, Mrs. Bounds began her career with the  
11 state in February of 1982, under the administration of Governor  
12 William Winter; and

13 WHEREAS, at the commencement of her employment, Mrs. Bounds  
14 was Executive Secretary to the Chief of Staff, eventually serving  
15 two positions simultaneously as support secretary to Governor  
16 Winter and assistant to First Lady Elise Winter at the Governor's  
17 Mansion; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1984, Mrs. Bounds assumed new duties at the  
19 Secretary of State's Office under Dick Molpus as part of the  
20 Executive Division staff, assigned primarily to the "ceremonial"  
21 Capitol Office (Room 105), charged with developing a full-time  
22 satellite office for the agency; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to providing agency-related services and  
24 assistance from the Capitol Office to the Legislature and  
25 legislative staff, Mrs. Bounds has managed the Secretary of  
26 State's constitutional responsibilities as the record keeper of  
27 all official acts of the Governor; and

28           WHEREAS, in 1996, with the election of Eric Clark to the  
29 Office of Secretary of State, Mrs. Bounds', now Special Projects  
30 Officer, duties and responsibilities grew to include tracking and  
31 monitoring legislation and taking an active role in following the  
32 overall legislative process; and

33           WHEREAS, during her illustrious career with the State of  
34 Mississippi, she has served under the leadership of six governors,  
35 including Governors William Winter, Bill Allain, Ray Mabus, Kirk  
36 Fordice, Ronnie Musgrove and Haley Barbour; and

37           WHEREAS, having handled an estimated 5,000 requests for  
38 Mississippi flags since 1984, Mrs. Bounds has acquired the name  
39 "Flag Lady"; and

40           WHEREAS, a devoted wife, Mrs. Bounds is married to Sydney R.  
41 (Buddy) Bounds, and together they have two children, Mike  
42 (deceased) and Robert; and three grandchildren, Mike, Victoria and  
43 Sydney; and

44           WHEREAS, Mrs. Bounds has gone above and beyond the call of  
45 duty in her efforts of assuring that the Secretary of State's  
46 Office is represented in a conscientious, professional and  
47 courteous manner; and

48           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend  
49 this outstanding state employee, whose services to the State of  
50 Mississippi is very much appreciated and whose presence will be  
51 greatly missed at the New Capitol:

52           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
53 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Linda  
54 Bounds upon her retirement after 22 years of dedicated and  
55 exemplary service to the State of Mississippi, and we extend to  
56 her our heartiest wishes for success in all her future endeavors.

57           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
58 presented to Mrs. Linda Bounds and to the members of the Capitol  
59 Press Corps.