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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.