

By: Senator(s) Hewes, Gollott, Dawkins,
Cuevas

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. LINDA ROUSE, DIRECTOR, HARRISON
2 COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, ON THE OCCASION OF HER
3 RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, coastal Mississippi, including Harrison County, has
5 suffered our state's worst natural disasters, including Hurricanes
6 Camille in 1969, Elena in 1985, George in 1998 and Ivan in 2004;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Harrison County has suffered a number of man-made
9 disasters and presents emergency management experts with numerous
10 challenges in planning and preparedness, because of its location,
11 large military presence, major manufacturing plants,
12 rapidly-expanding State Port and extensive tourism; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Linda Rouse has served the county with
14 excellence as a member of its Civil Defense/Emergency Management
15 Agency since 1969; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Rouse succeeded the legendary Wade Guice as
17 director of the agency; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Rouse has led the agency during Harrison
19 County's most rapid growth as well as during enormous change for
20 civil defense and emergency management leaders; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Rouse justly earned a reputation as a highly
22 competent, progressive and effective public servant; and

23 WHEREAS, among her many accomplishments, Ms. Rouse has built
24 a strong team within her agency; and

25 WHEREAS, because of her unfailing, unmatched commitment to
26 duty, untold numbers of citizens escaped harm and loss of

27 property, and hundreds of millions of public and private dollars
28 have been saved; and

29 WHEREAS, Ms. Rouse has announced her retirement as of April
30 30, 2005:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
32 MISSISSIPPI, That Ms. Linda Rouse is hereby commended without
33 limits for devoting her career to saving others' lives and
34 protecting their property, that Ms. Rouse receive our unending
35 gratitude for giving immeasurably of herself to serve her
36 homeland, and that we extend to Ms. Rouse the best wishes of the
37 Senate for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 presented to Ms. Rouse and her family, and be made available to
40 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.