

By: Senator(s) Carmichael, Burton,
Williamson, Dearing, Posey, Thames

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 512

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED
2 STATE SERVICE OF JOHN F. SHIRLEY, SR., RETIRED STATE LANDS MANAGER
3 FOR THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS
4 AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, John F. Shirley, Sr., 69, a retired Lands Manager at
6 the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, died
7 Monday, October 9, 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Shirley retired as the State's Lands Manager of
9 the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks with
10 30 years of service. He was appointed as Commissioner to the
11 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for the Third Congressional District
12 by Governor Ray Mabus; and

13 WHEREAS, he served as PTA President of the Clarkdale
14 Attendance Center School and was elected to the Enterprise School
15 Board of Trustees and served five years; and

16 WHEREAS, he served on the Board of Mississippi Grape Growers
17 Association with one year as President. He served four years as
18 Boy Scout Master of Troop 25 and on the Advisory Board of Choctaw
19 Area Council of Boy Scouts of America; and

20 WHEREAS, after retiring from Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries
21 and Parks, he was employed by Paul Broadhead as an Advisor and
22 later General Manager of PBI until August, 1993; and

23 WHEREAS, he was a member of Union Baptist Church, living and
24 raising his beloved family in this community all of his adult
25 life. He loved his country, state, and fellowman. He was a
26 lifetime avid conservationist; and

27 WHEREAS, pallbearers were the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries
28 and Parks Honor Guard; and

29 WHEREAS, survivors include: his wife of 48 years, Gloria
30 Brock Shirley; two sons, John Franklin Shirley, Jr., "Brock" and
31 wife, Betty and James David Shirley; one daughter, Stacey Shirley,
32 all of Meridian, Mississippi; sisters, Ruby Shirley Graham,
33 Hattiesburg, Mississippi; and Sarah Shirley Long, Houston, Texas;
34 one brother, Harvey Miles Shirley, Meridian, Mississippi; and
35 grandchildren, Brittany Gibson, Victoria O'Quin, John O'Quin and
36 Abigail Shirley, all of Meridian, Mississippi; and numerous nieces
37 and nephews; and

38 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this
39 dedicated public servant whose leadership will be missed in his
40 community and his state:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
43 we do hereby commend the life and dedicated state service of John
44 F. Shirley, Sr., retired State Lands Manager for the Mississippi
45 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and express to his
46 surviving family the sympathy of the Legislature on his passing.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 the surviving family of Mr. Shirley, be forwarded to the
49 Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and be made available
50 to the Capitol Press Corps.