

By: Senator(s) Burton, Dearing

To: Adopted

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE TRAVIS
2 L. LITTLE FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Travis L. Little is retiring from the
4 Mississippi Senate after serving 16 years as a Senator and 8 years
5 as President Pro Tempore; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Travis Little is a man of the highest
7 integrity and hard work, who has brought a business-common sense
8 approach to the operation of the Senate, and there is an
9 acknowledged respect for the public and private life of our
10 esteemed colleague, gentleman and enlightened lawmaker; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Little serves as Senator from District 4 in
12 the Mississippi Senate, which is comprised of Alcorn, Tippah and
13 Tishomingo Counties; and

14 WHEREAS, as President Pro Tempore of the Mississippi State
15 Senate, he is elected unanimously by his fellow Senators. He
16 presides over the State Senate in the absence of the Lieutenant
17 Governor. Senator Little is the state's highest-ranking Senator
18 and next in line behind the Lieutenant Governor to succeed to the
19 Office of Governor; and

20 WHEREAS, elected to the Mississippi Senate in 1991, Senator
21 Little serves as Chairman of the Rules Committee and Vice Chairman
22 of Appropriations. He also serves on Business and Financial
23 Institutions, County Affairs, Highways and Transportation, Public
24 Health and Welfare, Judiciary "A", Public Utilities and the Joint
25 Legislative Budget Committee. He is a member of the Joint
26 Legislative Committee on CODE Compilation, Advisory Council to the
27 Mississippi Development Authority, and Health Care Investment

28 Trust Fund. He is former Chairman of the Senate Highways and
29 Transportation Committee and the Senate Management Committee.
30 Prior to his service in the Senate, he served on the Alcorn County
31 Board of Supervisors; and

32 WHEREAS, Senator Little is in the hotel development and
33 management business and is President of Little Properties, Inc. ;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, Senator Little's civic and charitable awards are
36 numerous. He is a member of the International Franchise
37 Association and is a founding member of the Franchisee Advisory
38 Council. He received the council's Distinguished Achievement
39 Award and the Outstanding Citizens' Award from the Corinth Rotary
40 Club. He also received the Distinguished Service Award from the
41 Mississippi Joint Conference on Aging and was recognized by the
42 Mississippi Commission on Child Abuse for his efforts on behalf of
43 children and senior citizens. In 2004, the National Federation of
44 Independent Business honored him with the Guardian of Small
45 Business Award. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force where
46 he received the USAF Commendation Medal for Outstanding Service.
47 He is one of the founding members of the Lighthouse Foundation,
48 which targets and serves at-risk youth. He has been a supporter
49 of the Boys and Girls Club locally and statewide, and was recently
50 awarded the Man/Youth Award for Outstanding Service to the
51 Mississippi Boys and Girls Club Movement; and

52 WHEREAS, as President Pro Tempore and as a leader in the
53 Senate, Senator Little has been involved in a leadership role in
54 literally every high profile issue addressed by the Mississippi
55 Senate over the past 8 years, including tort and liability
56 insurance reform, economic development initiatives, highway
57 construction and the general administration of Mississippi
58 government. He led the fight for the passage of car tag reduction
59 legislation, which is a popular bill to this day; and

60 WHEREAS, his family and his faith are of paramount importance
61 in his daily life. Senator Little has three children, John,
62 Regina and Laura, and he is dedicated to his grandchildren,
63 Caroline and Olivia Cooley, and Cade and Faith Hagan. He is a
64 faithful member of Oakland Baptist Church in Corinth, Mississippi;
65 and

66 WHEREAS, Senator Little has had an extraordinary ability to
67 bring people together to discuss issues and develop ways to come
68 together. He has displayed a deep commitment to public service
69 and he has constantly displayed kindness to the Legislature,
70 public officials and legislative staff. Senator Little has an
71 innovative mind and the Senate is quite proud of his
72 accomplishments and contributions to the people of Mississippi;
73 and

74 WHEREAS, Senator Little's service has been marked by his
75 commitment to success and recognized leadership, sound judgment
76 and strong sense of fairness. He has set the highest standard in
77 all of his many roles, as a father, businessman, citizen,
78 statesman and leader in the Mississippi Senate and as a true
79 friend:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
81 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and recognize Senator
82 Travis L. Little, two-term President Pro Tempore of the
83 Mississippi Senate, whose outstanding service and leadership
84 enriched everyone with whom he was associated, and we wish Travis
85 and his family much success in their future endeavors.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
87 Senator Travis Little and be made available to the Capitol Press
88 Corps.