

By: Senator(s) McMahan, Jolly, Bryan, Stone, Wilemon, Burton, Blackwell, Blount, Browning, Dearing, Fillingane, Frazier, Kirby, Norwood, Simmons (12th), Simmons (13th), Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd), Jackson (15th) To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 519

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING
2 MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY BUILDER JACK REED, SR., OF TUPELO UPON HIS
3 RECEIPT OF THE 2015 MILLSAPS COLLEGE HONORARY DOCTOR OF PUBLIC
4 SERVICE DEGREE.

5 WHEREAS, few individuals have positively impacted the state
6 of Mississippi like Jack Raymond Reed, Sr. A lifelong resident of
7 Tupelo, Reed earned degrees from Vanderbilt University and New
8 York University before returning to a life of business and service
9 in his home state; and

10 WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army who served in
11 Australia and Japan during the Second World War, Mr. Reed made a
12 career in business, managing Reed's Department Store and Reed
13 Manufacturing Company. Reed was instrumental in building the
14 Community Development Foundation, focused on regional economic
15 development, and the CREATE Foundation, Mississippi's first
16 community foundation. As a successful business leader, Reed had a
17 strong impact on the growth of Tupelo, but his legacy goes much
18 farther; and



19 WHEREAS, efforts to desegregate schools in the 1970s
20 challenged communities across Mississippi, but Reed courageously
21 supported public education in his community and throughout the
22 state. Governor William Winter acknowledged Mr. Reed's commitment
23 to public education by naming him Chair of the Special Committee
24 on Public Education, which laid the groundwork for the historic
25 Education Reform Act of 1982; and

26 WHEREAS, he later Chaired Mississippi's first lay State Board
27 of Education from 1982-1987, and was tapped by President George
28 H.W. Bush to head the National Advisory Committee on Education
29 Research and Improvement. His commitment to public education
30 figured prominently in his campaign as the Republican nominee for
31 Governor in 1987. The Mississippi Association of Partners in
32 Education's Winter-Reed Partnership Award was established to honor
33 the unique bipartisan relationship forged by Governor Winter and
34 Jack Reed; and

35 WHEREAS, active in the United Methodist Church, Reed served
36 on the United Methodist National Commission on Religion and Race
37 with then-Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Chairman
38 Joseph Lowery and other Civil Rights figures. He is a former
39 member of the Millsaps Board of Trustees, past Chairman of the
40 First United Methodist Church in Tupelo, and was among the
41 founders of LIFT, Inc., one of the first community services
42 agencies in Mississippi and home of Tupelo's Head Start Program;
43 and



44 WHEREAS, Jack Reed is a person of eloquence and a complete
45 mastery of the political and economic development process whose
46 strong, decisive leadership has built an indelible legacy of
47 progress in his beloved State of Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
50 we do hereby recognize and congratulate Mississippi Community
51 Builder Jack Reed, Sr., of Tupelo upon his receipt of the 2015
52 Millsaps College Honorary Doctor of Public Service Degree, and
53 extend the best wishes of the Legislature to Mr. Reed and his
54 family on this auspicious occasion.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
56 Jack Reed, Sr., forwarded to the Mayor and City Council of Tupelo,
57 the President of Millsaps College, and made available to the
58 Capitol Press Corps.

