

By: Senator(s) Tollison, Barnett, Blount,  
Burton, Fillingane, Frazier, Jackson (11th),  
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 537

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE  
2 *NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI DAILY JOURNAL* LLOYD GRAY FOR HIS APPOINTMENT  
3 AS THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PHIL HARDIN FOUNDATION.

4 WHEREAS, Lloyd Gray, Executive Editor of the *Northeast*  
5 *Mississippi Daily Journal* for 23 years, has announced he is  
6 leaving the newspaper to become Executive Director of The Phil  
7 Hardin Foundation. The announcement was made in the newspaper by  
8 Journal Publisher and CEO Clay Foster; and

9 WHEREAS, "Lloyd is an outstanding editor" Foster said in a  
10 statement. "For the past 23 years, he has embodied a set of  
11 principles and values consistent with the Journal's that has  
12 served this company and our community well. Principles such as  
13 service, honesty, transparency, inclusion, fairness, dignity and  
14 trust"; and

15 WHEREAS, Gray, 60, will assume his responsibilities at the  
16 Meridian-based foundation, which provides grants to support  
17 innovative educational programs and partnerships in Mississippi;  
18 and



19           WHEREAS, Lloyd Gray has close ties to Meridian, where he  
20 graduated from high school in 1972. After graduating from  
21 Millsaps College, he worked for the *Delta Democrat-Times* in  
22 Greenville, the *Sun Herald* in Biloxi/Gulfport and as a Mississippi  
23 Assistant Secretary of State before returning to his hometown in  
24 1990 as Editor of *The Meridian Star*. He came to Tupelo two years  
25 later; and

26           WHEREAS, Gray and his wife Sally have three children. "I'll  
27 always consider it a privilege to have been part of the rich  
28 heritage and promising future of this newspaper and a blessing to  
29 have lived, worked and raised a family in such an extraordinary  
30 community." Gray said; and

31           WHEREAS, The Phil Hardin Foundation was established in 1964  
32 by the owner of the Meridian-based Hardin Bakeries Corporation, as  
33 a vehicle for improving the lives of Mississippians through better  
34 educational opportunities; and it is with great pride that we join  
35 colleagues in the press in commending the career of a citizen who  
36 continues to serve his community and state with the highest  
37 professional standards:

38           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
39 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
40 we do hereby recognize Executive Editor of the *Northeast*  
41 *Mississippi Daily Journal* Lloyd Gray for his appointment as the  
42 new Executive Director of The Phil Hardin Foundation, and extend



43 to Lloyd and his family our best wishes for success in his new  
44 role.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
46 Lloyd Gray, forwarded to the Phil Hardin Foundation, and made  
47 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

