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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 550

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE
2 PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL
3 DIRECTOR COLONEL DONNELL BERRY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, 36-year department veteran Colonel Donnell Berry has
5 announced his retirement as Director of the Mississippi Highway
6 Patrol effective February 1, 2016. He will be succeeded by
7 Lieutenant Colonel Chris Gillard; and

8 WHEREAS, Donnell Berry was born and raised in Bentonia,
9 Mississippi, where he attended Bentonia High School. Berry earned
10 a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in May of
11 1980 from Alcorn State University; and

12 WHEREAS, Berry's ambition was to become a Trooper for the
13 Mississippi Highway Patrol. In September of 1980 Berry attended
14 Mississippi Highway Patrol Cadet Class 21 where he graduated on
15 December 12, 1980. Berry was promoted to Assistant Troop
16 Commander in Troop C on December 1, 1990. On May 14, 1996, Berry
17 was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, District Executive Officer
18 for Troop C. In January 2004 Berry was promoted to the rank of



19 Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Chief of Uniform Enforcement Division
20 of the Mississippi Highway Patrol; and

21 WHEREAS, on February 18, 2011, Berry was appointed Chief of
22 the Mississippi Highway Patrol by Governor Haley Barbour and
23 promoted to the rank of Colonel. "Berry's knowledge of law
24 enforcement guidelines, combined with his on-the-street
25 experience, will serve him well as the head of the state's highway
26 patrol," Governor Barbour said; and

27 WHEREAS, we can never repay our debt to law enforcement
28 officers and their families. We must do what we can, with all
29 that we have, to live our lives in a way that pays tribute to
30 their service:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
32 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
33 we do hereby recognize and commend the professional law
34 enforcement service of Mississippi Highway Patrol Director Colonel
35 Donnell Berry on the occasion of his retirement, and extend our
36 best wishes to Colonel Donnell Berry and his family in their
37 future endeavors.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
39 Colonel Donnell Berry, forwarded to the Commissioner of Public
40 Safety and the Governor, and made available to the Capitol Press
41 Corps.

