

By: Senator(s) Norwood, Frazier, Jackson
(32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 605

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CIVIC AND CHARITABLE
2 CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE OF JESSE THOMPSON, JR.,
3 OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, in honor of Black History Month, we join the Jackson
5 State University Alumni and the congregation of Greater Mount
6 Calvary Baptist Church in recognizing the outstanding career of
7 Jesse Thompson, Jr., of Jackson, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, born and raised in McComb, Mississippi, Jesse
9 graduated from Higgins High School in McComb, Class of 1969. He
10 graduated from Jackson State University with a Bachelor of Science
11 Degree in Science Education. Jesse began his career with the
12 Pollution Control Commission in 1976 as an Environmental Aid in
13 the Air Division. While in the Air Division, he worked with Minor
14 Source Permitting, Compliance and Emission Management System, and
15 was also the Stack Testing Expert for air sampling; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1995, Jesse became the state's first small
17 business Ombudsman and served in this capacity for the Mississippi
18 Department of Environmental Quality. He was also responsible for



19 managing the Mississippi Small Business Technical Program and
20 served as the Environmental Assistance Division Director and the
21 Diversity Coordinator. Jesse was the Interim Director of the
22 Environmental Resource Center providing customer service
23 activities to citizens and communities until his retirement from
24 state government on July 1, 2013. Jesse is currently the CEO of
25 JThompson and Associates, Inc., a multifaceted consulting firm
26 providing Entertainment Consulting, Security and Public Sector
27 Relations; and

28 WHEREAS, Jesse Thompson, Jr., is the founder and President of
29 Jackson Music Awards, Inc. This organization produces the annual
30 City With Soul Awards, Mississippi Gospel Music Awards, and the
31 Jackson Music Awards. He serves on the Board of Directors of the
32 Farish Street Heritage Festival and served on the Jackson Arts and
33 Music Foundation which presented the Jubilee Jam Festival in
34 Jackson. He is currently on the Advisory Board of the Jackson
35 Rhythm and Blues Festival and Special Consultant to the Jackson
36 Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

37 WHEREAS, Jesse is one of the founding members and serves as
38 Vice Chairman of the Jackson State University Tiger Fund Athletic
39 Foundation which is the official fund-raising arm for Jackson
40 State University Athletics and other specialized areas of need;
41 and



42 WHEREAS, Jesse is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,
43 Inc., a Licensed Real Estate Broker, Special Events Producer,
44 Music Publisher, and a Certified Law Enforcement Officer; and

45 WHEREAS, he is a member of the Greater Mount Calvary Baptist
46 Church where he is an Ordained Deacon, Chairman of the Trustee
47 Board, member of the Male Chorus, Sunday School Teacher, the
48 Director of the church's Television Ministry and Head Men's Church
49 Basketball Coach; and

50 WHEREAS, Jesse is married to Judy G. Thompson of Jackson.
51 They have a son, Jason (Elizabeth); daughter, Janell (Chris); and
52 grandchildren: Nicolas Brock, Neki Brock, Jaylyn Brock, Madison
53 Thompson, Isabelle Vinson, Zoey Vinson and Kyndall J. Thompson;
54 and

55 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we commend the career of
56 this respected civic leader and businessman who has brought honor
57 to his university and to the State of Mississippi:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
59 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
60 we do hereby recognize the civic and charitable contributions and
61 dedicated public service of Jesse Thompson, Jr., of Jackson,
62 Mississippi.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
64 Jesse Thompson, Jr., the President of Jackson State University,
65 forwarded to Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church, and made
66 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

