

By: Senator(s) Turner-Ford, Barnett,
Blackmon, Blount, Burton, Butler, Dawkins,
Dearing, Frazier, Horhn, Jackson (11th),
Jackson (32nd), Jordan, Norwood, Simmons
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 625

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE RECOGNITION AND THANKS
2 OF THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE FOR THE EFFECTIVE LEGISLATIVE
3 SERVICE OF MISSISSIPPI REPRESENTATIVE TYRONE ELLIS UPON THE
4 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE
5 MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

6 WHEREAS, Representative Tyrone Ellis, who represents District
7 38 (Clay, Lowndes and Oktibbeha Counties), has announced his
8 retirement after 38 years of outstanding service in the
9 Mississippi House of Representatives; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1979, Representative Ellis was one of the first
11 African-Americans elected to the Mississippi Legislature after
12 Reconstruction. He is one of the longest-serving
13 African-Americans in the Legislature; and

14 WHEREAS, before assuming his seat as a member of the
15 Mississippi House of Representatives from District 38,
16 Representative Ellis studied at Illinois Institute of Technology
17 in Chicago, Illinois, East Mississippi Community College,
18 Ministerial Institute and College, and New Orleans Theological
19 Seminary; and



20 WHEREAS, Representative Ellis was diligently serving the
21 citizens of his community before his election to the Mississippi
22 House of Representatives as a Consultant and Businessman, as a
23 Real Estate Developer, and as the Pastor of Running Water Baptist
24 Church in Noxubee County, Mississippi; and

25 WHEREAS, upon his election in 1980, Tyrone Ellis became the
26 distinguished "Gentleman from Oktibbeha" and wasted no time
27 requesting the legislation, amendments and reports that would help
28 effectuate into law policy changes that his constituents had
29 elected him to further, and because of his passion and genuine
30 desire to better this great Magnolia State, he became the first
31 member to serve as Majority Leader of the Mississippi House of
32 Representatives; and

33 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a legislator from 1980 until
34 2017, Representative Ellis served on the following committees:
35 Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency; Apportionment and
36 Elections; Corrections; Judiciary B; Judiciary En Banc; and as a
37 ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee; and

38 WHEREAS, not one to limit his community involvement to the
39 Legislature, Representative Ellis has always been active in his
40 district and dedicated to improving the quality of life for all
41 citizens, as evidenced by his service with the Starkville Habitat
42 for Humanities, the Starkville-Oktibbeha County Boys and Girls
43 Club, and the Oktibbeha County School Board; and



44 WHEREAS, Representative Ellis is a wonderful example for
45 public servants and we commend his record of achievement and
46 legacy of leadership and dedication to all in Mississippi:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
48 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
49 we do hereby extend the recognition and thanks of the Mississippi
50 Legislature for the effective legislative service of Mississippi
51 Representative Tyrone Ellis upon the occasion of his retirement
52 after 38 years of service in the Mississippi House of
53 Representatives, and we pay tribute and cherish fondly his
54 service, his friendship and his enormous civic energy for the
55 citizens of the State of Mississippi.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 Representative Tyrone Ellis and his family, and made available to
58 the Capitol Press Corps.

