

By: Senator(s) Tollison, Blackwell,
Browning, Burton, Clarke, Fillingane,
Frazier, Jackson (32nd), Jordan, McMahan,
Norwood, Simmons (12th), Watson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 527

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY
3 SHERIFF F.D. "BUDDY" EAST AND COMMENDING HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT
4 SERVICE AS THE LONGEST-SERVING ACTIVE SHERIFF IN MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of
6 Lafayette County Sheriff F.D. "Buddy" East on September 8, 2018.
7 At the time of his passing, Sheriff East was the longest-serving
8 active Sheriff in Mississippi and we join the citizens of
9 Lafayette County in recognizing his service; and

10 WHEREAS, a native of Lafayette County, Buddy faithfully
11 served his community as the longest-tenured Sheriff in
12 Mississippi. Prior to his first term as Lafayette County Sheriff
13 in 1972, Buddy served as the Assistant Chief of Police for the
14 Oxford Police Department; and

15 WHEREAS, his community recognized his love and devotion by
16 naming him the Oxford Citizen of the Year in 1991. Throughout his
17 long career, Sheriff East was recognized with countless awards,
18 certificates, honorable titles, and medals. Among the many, he
19 was most honored to be awarded the Silver Star for Bravery from



20 the American Law Enforcement Association. In 2015, Sheriff East
21 was honored by the Lafayette County Law Enforcement Officers
22 Association with the Medal of Valor and Unselfishness in the Face
23 of Danger; and

24 WHEREAS, Buddy served two terms as President of the
25 Mississippi Sheriffs' Association from 1989-1990 and 1999-2000,
26 was a faithful member of New Prospect Baptist Church and was
27 especially proud of his time as a former Little League Baseball
28 Coach. Known by his grandchildren as "Pap Paw" or "Granddaddy,"
29 his love for his family was beyond measure. Even during the
30 busiest seasons of his life, Buddy was ever-present in the lives
31 of his grandchildren, attending any and all of their school and
32 sports activities. An avid Ole Miss fan, he was excited to see
33 what his Rebels would do this season; and

34 WHEREAS, Sheriff East's humble heart touched the lives of all
35 he encountered. Before his death, he expressed great gratitude to
36 the Community of Oxford and Lafayette County for allowing him to
37 serve the people and the town he loved. Sheriff East's 46 years
38 of honorable service left an impact and legacy on Lafayette County
39 and the law enforcement community in the State of Mississippi; and

40 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife, Mary Hall East; five
41 children: Melissa Westbrook (Billy), Joey East (Kimberly),
42 Shannon Lomax (Max), Steve Lewis (Melanie), and Scott Lewis
43 (Brandi); his sister Nona Tutor and thirteen grandchildren; and



44 WHEREAS, Buddy has been a wonderful example for professional
45 law enforcement and public service, and we commend his record of
46 achievement and legacy of leadership and dedication to Lafayette
47 County and the State of Mississippi. We can never repay our debt
48 to law enforcement officers such as Sheriff East, but we must do
49 what we can, with all that we have, to live our lives in a way
50 that pays tribute to their memory:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
52 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
53 we do hereby extend the condolences of the Mississippi Legislature
54 to the bereaved family of Lafayette County Sheriff F.D. "Buddy"
55 East and commend his law enforcement service as the
56 longest-serving active Sheriff in Mississippi.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 the surviving family of Sheriff East, forwarded to the Lafayette
59 County Board of Supervisors and made available to the Capitol
60 Press Corps.

