

By: Senator(s) Tollison, Dearing, Kirby, Barnett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Blount, Carmichael, Caughman, Clarke, Jackson (11th), Jackson (15th), Jackson (32nd), Jordan, Massey, McMahan, Parker, Seymour, Witherspoon

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND DISTRICT 5 STATE SENATOR J.P.  
2 WILEMON, JR., FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE MISSISSIPPI  
3 SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, Senator J.P. Wilemon, Jr., has announced that he  
5 will not be seeking reelection. He has represented Senate  
6 District 5, which includes portions of Itawamba, Prentiss and  
7 Tishomingo Counties, for 15 years. In J.P. Wilemon, the citizens  
8 of District 15 have had effective representation from a dedicated  
9 public servant with business experience. Senator Wilemon was  
10 elected to the Senate in 2003. Prior to serving in the State  
11 Senate, he was an Alderman in the Town of Belmont for 36 years and  
12 had a 32-year career in banking; and

13 WHEREAS, he was born in New Site and his dad was a  
14 sharecropper. His family moved around the area, living in  
15 Tishomingo, Golden and Dennis. Wilemon and his wife have lived  
16 for 59 years in Belmont, where he graduated from high school. He  
17 attended Northeast Mississippi Community College and then the  
18 Memphis State School of Banking. He worked for First American



19 National Bank in Iuka for 25 years and CB&S Bank in Red Bay,  
20 Alabama, for seven years, where he retired when he was elected to  
21 the State Senate. He was a CEO for more than 18 years in his  
22 banking career; and

23 WHEREAS, Wilemon has also been Chairman on the Municipalities  
24 Committee for the past 12 years. He said he always voted based on  
25 what he thought was best for the state instead of adhering to a  
26 party line. One of his better bills that passed dealt with school  
27 bullying, he said. He has been on the Education Committee for 15  
28 years and said he has always tried to work hard for the schools.  
29 Wilemon would like to see the classroom teachers and assistant  
30 teachers get pay raises and improvements made to libraries and  
31 state parks; and

32 WHEREAS, he is known for his punctuality, reliability and  
33 dedication to his constituents; and

34 WHEREAS, Senator Wilemon's 2015 committee membership is as  
35 follows: Municipalities, Chair; Accountability, Efficiency and  
36 Transparency, Vice-Chair; Appropriations; Business and Financial  
37 Institutions; Drug Policy; Education; Enrolled Bills; Investigate  
38 State Offices; and Universities and Colleges; and

39 WHEREAS, Senator Wilemon is married to the former Bobbie  
40 Johnson and has two children, Mack Wilemon and Gina Smith. He is  
41 of the Primitive Baptist faith; and

42 WHEREAS, Senator Wilemon's service has been marked by his  
43 commitment to success and recognized leadership, sound judgment,



44 civility, courtesy and fairness. He has set the highest standard  
45 in all of his many roles: husband, father, businessman,  
46 statesman, community leader and leader in the Mississippi Senate,  
47 and as a true friend. J.P.'s service honored both the Mississippi  
48 Senate and this great State that he loved and served:

49       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
50 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and recognize Senator J.P.  
51 Wilemon, whose outstanding service enriched everyone with whom he  
52 was associated, and we wish J.P. and his family much success in  
53 his future endeavors.

54       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
55 Senator Wilemon and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

