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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND SENATOR BILLY HUDSON FOR HIS  
2 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Billy Hudson, R-Hattiesburg, is retiring  
4 from the Mississippi Senate after serving 12 years (2008-present);  
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6 WHEREAS, Senator Billy Hudson is a businessman of integrity  
7 and hard work with a complete knowledge of Mississippi's  
8 agricultural interests, and there is an acknowledged respect of  
9 our esteemed colleague, gentleman and enlightened lawmaker; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Hudson attended The University of Southern  
11 Mississippi; he also attended the University of Arizona and  
12 Perkinson Junior College in 1957. His professional experience  
13 includes working as a rancher, and previously serving as the CEO  
14 of Hudson Salvage; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Hudson represents District 45, which  
16 consists of portions of Forrest and Perry Counties. Hudson served  
17 as a Magee City Alderman. He also served as a member and Chair of



18 the Forrest County Supervisors, and his knowledge of local  
19 government was extremely beneficial to the Mississippi Senate; and

20 WHEREAS, at the beginning of the 2015 legislative session,  
21 Hudson served on the following committees: Agriculture, Chair;  
22 County Affairs, Vice Chair; Environmental Protection, Conservation  
23 and Water Resources; Finance; Highways and Transportation; Labor;  
24 Rules; and Universities and Colleges; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Hudson and his wife, Barbara, have five  
26 children; and

27 WHEREAS, "I have enjoyed being in the Senate and I love  
28 public service, but my wife and I have made 571 trips to Jackson  
29 and counting over the last 11 years," Senator Hudson said. "I  
30 love making a difference. The people of Forrest County have been  
31 really good to me, but I am ready to come home and do something  
32 locally." Hudson, 80, made the announcement Monday at the Forrest  
33 County Board of Supervisors meeting; and

34 WHEREAS, Senator Joey Fillingane, R-Sumrall, said he has  
35 enjoyed working with Hudson. "I have been privileged to have  
36 served alongside Senator Hudson over the last two terms,"  
37 Fillingane said. "As Agriculture Chair, he did a great job  
38 representing our state's agricultural interest, which is still the  
39 No. 1 sector of our economy. That is pertinent to the farmers in  
40 our districts and to the entire state"; and

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



43 and fairness. He has set the highest standard in all his many  
44 roles, as a father, husband, businessman, citizen, statesman and  
45 leader in the Mississippi Senate and as a true friend:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
47 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and recognize Senator Billy  
48 Hudson, whose outstanding service enriched everyone with whom he  
49 was associated, and we wish Billy and his family much success in  
50 their future endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
52 Senator Billy Hudson and made available to the Capitol Press  
53 Corps.

