

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

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND SENATOR EUGENE S. (BUCK) CLARKE FOR
2 HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Eugene S. (Buck) Clarke is retiring from the
4 Mississippi Senate to run for higher office after serving 16 years
5 in the Senate (2004-present); and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Buck Clarke is a man of integrity and hard
7 work with a complete knowledge of Mississippi's budget-writing
8 system, and there is an acknowledged respect of our esteemed
9 colleague, gentleman and enlightened lawmaker; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Clarke is a Certified Public Accountant and
11 has been a partner of Clarke, Bradley, Baker & Company, LLP since
12 1979. Senator Clarke has been uniquely positioned to serve and
13 fight for Mississippians. He has served four terms in the
14 Mississippi Legislature, 16 years in the Senate, with four years
15 as Chairman of Insurance and the last eight years as Chairman of
16 Appropriations. His Appropriations Chairmanship, which involves
17 setting the budget of each agency in state government, has enabled
18 him to be deeply involved in understanding the different needs of



19 each state agency. As Appropriations Chairman of the Mississippi
20 Senate, Clarke fought to balance the budget every year. "It's
21 given me the opportunity to look deeply into every facet of state
22 government," Clarke said of his time leading the budget-setting
23 Appropriations Committee; and

24 WHEREAS, Clarke's Senate district stretches from the Delta
25 down into the Jackson suburbs. It includes parts of Bolivar,
26 Humphreys, Madison, Sharkey, Washington and Yazoo Counties; and

27 WHEREAS, Senator Clarke has stated that he believes in small
28 government. "Government holds us back when it taxes and spends
29 too much," Clarke said. "Mississippians succeed when we are
30 allowed to keep more of what we earn to invest in new jobs and
31 opportunity." Senator Clarke's leadership in government
32 transparency resulted in "sweeping" all special funds into the
33 State General Fund which has given Mississippi a true picture of
34 its financial statement; and

35 WHEREAS, he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from
36 Mississippi State University. He is the proud husband of Paula
37 Clarke, father of three children, Anne Read, Carlisle and Ellen,
38 and grandfather to three grandchildren. He is a member of
39 Hollandale First United Methodist Church; and

40 WHEREAS, Senator Clarke's service has been marked by his
41 commitment to success and recognized leadership, sound judgment
42 and fairness. He has set the highest standard in all his many
43 roles, as a father, husband, businessman, Scout Leader, citizen,



44 statesman and leader in the Mississippi Senate and as a true
45 friend:

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

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

