

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. 19

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND RECOGNIZE DISTRICT 31 STATE  
2 SENATOR AND FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE TERRY C. BURTON  
3 FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, District 31 State Senator and former Senate  
5 President Pro Tempore Terry C. Burton has announced that he will  
6 not be seeking reelection. He has represented Senate District 31,  
7 which includes portions of Lauderdale, Newton and Scott Counties,  
8 for 28 years. In Terry Burton, the citizens of District 31 have  
9 had effective representation from a dedicated public servant with  
10 business experience; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Burton was elected to the Senate in 1992 and  
12 was recognized by his fellow Senators by his nomination and  
13 election to the position of President Pro Tempore of the  
14 Mississippi Senate in the 2016 Regular Session through the 2018  
15 Regular Session of the Legislature; and

16 WHEREAS, Terry C. Burton's professional experience included  
17 working as a Director at Parent Training & Information Center;  
18 Marketing and Public Relations Consultant; Radio Consultant;



Salesman; Radio Personality; Manager of WQST, WMOX and WMYQ Radio;  
and Owner/Manager of For Real Productions; and

WHEREAS, Senator Burton was Mayor of the City of Newton from  
1989 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, at the beginning of the 2015 legislative session,  
Senator Burton served on the following committees: Energy, Chair;  
Appropriations, Vice Chair; Legislative Reapportionment, Vice  
Chair; Universities and Colleges, Vice Chair; and Congressional  
Redistricting; and

WHEREAS, Senator Burton was an acknowledged expert in many  
areas of Mississippi government and was particularly knowledgeable  
in the details of agency budgets and the legislative budget  
process. He served on the Legislative Budget Committee for many  
years. Senator Burton served with distinction on the Judiciary  
Committee and had a practical understanding of the common law and  
statutes. He served on two occasions as Chairman of the Select  
Committee to Investigate Senate Election Contests, which was an  
extremely difficult task. Senator Burton's key legislative  
interests have included matters relating to Medicaid, Mental  
Health, Human Services, home health and assisted living licensure  
requirements. He introduced bills to address the needs of the  
more than 800,000 Mississippi caregivers, including legislation to  
require the caregiver to be present at the patient's discharge  
from the hospital to follow through on the medical plan when the  
patient returns home. Senator Burton was an active member of the



44 Southern States Energy Board. Senator Burton was instrumental in  
45 the authorization of the Arts and Entertainment Center in  
46 Meridian, Mississippi. Senator Burton is an avid outdoorsman and  
47 is an active supporter of the Ole Miss sports teams; and

48 WHEREAS, Senator Burton is a York Rite Mason and a Shriner.  
49 He is a member of the Mississippi Home Corporation Oversight  
50 Committee, State Workforce Investment Board, Facilities Management  
51 Advisory Committee, Medical Care Advisory Committee, the Rotary,  
52 Newton Booster Club and the Newton Chamber of Commerce; and

53 WHEREAS, Senator Burton was born in Philadelphia,  
54 Mississippi, on January 31, 1956. He is married to the former  
55 Darleen Allday; they have two children and two granddaughters.  
56 His religious affiliation is United Methodist; and

57 WHEREAS, through longtime family friend, former Senator Bill  
58 May, Burton's family released this statement: "Terry loves  
59 serving the people of Mississippi. We hope and pray that he will  
60 return to do so as soon as possible"; and

61 WHEREAS, Senator Burton's service has been marked by his  
62 commitment to success and recognized leadership, sound judgment,  
63 civility, courtesy and fairness. He has set the highest standard  
64 in all of his many roles: husband, father, businessman,  
65 statesman, community leader and leader in the Mississippi Senate,  
66 and as a true friend. Terry's service honored both the  
67 Mississippi Senate and this great state that he loved and served:



68           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
69   MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and recognize District 31  
70   State Senator and former Senate President Pro Tempore Terry C.  
71   Burton for his distinguished service in the Mississippi Senate.

72           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
73   Senator Terry Burton and made available to the Capitol Press  
74   Corps.

