

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Barnett, Caughman,  
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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING LONGTIME SENATE  
2 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OFFICE SECRETARY LINDA REAVES FOR 50 YEARS OF  
3 PROFESSIONAL AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, Senate Legislative Services Office Secretary Linda  
5 Reaves is celebrating her 50th year of service to the Mississippi  
6 Senate. She has served her state well with skill, professionalism  
7 and dignity; and

8 WHEREAS, Linda Reaves began her employment with the  
9 Mississippi Senate in January 1970 as a session employee in the  
10 steno pool, where she was the first legislative employee to use  
11 the Mag-Card Selective Typewriter and the Magnetic Computer Word  
12 Processer. In addition to being one of the first "Mag-Card  
13 Girls," she was the only Senate employee who could take a letter  
14 or document by "shorthand," which was a valuable skill in a Senate  
15 made up of mostly attorneys. Linda was the fastest typist in the  
16 Senate and still is; and

17 WHEREAS, Linda has served under the following Lieutenant  
18 Governors: Charles L. Sullivan, 1970-1972; William F. Winter,



19 1972-1976; Evelyn Gandy, 1976-1980; Brad Dye, 1980-1992; Eddie  
20 Briggs, 1992-1996; Ronnie Musgrove, 1996-2000; Amy Tuck,  
21 2000-2008; Phil Bryant, 2008-2012; Tate Reeves, 2012-2020; and  
22 Delbert Hosemann, 2020-present; and

23 WHEREAS, Linda has served under the following Directors of  
24 LSO: Rick Fortenberry, T.C. Ward, Bob Davidson and Jeff Rosamond;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, we honor an individual who has demonstrated a  
27 longstanding commitment to the legislative institution,  
28 participated in the provision of staff work resulting in systemic  
29 public policy reform or improvement and consistently approached  
30 her legislative work with grace and good humor under extreme  
31 pressure; and

32 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the members of  
33 the Senate and House Staff in recognizing a career that has  
34 brought honor to the Mississippi Senate, the Mississippi  
35 Legislature and to the Great State of Mississippi:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
37 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize and congratulate longtime  
38 Senate Legislative Services Office Secretary Linda Reaves for 50  
39 years of professional and dedicated public service to the Senate,  
40 and extend to Linda our best wishes for her future success and  
41 enjoyment with her family.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
43 Linda Reaves and her family: daughter, Debra (Jerry) Thomas;



44 grandchildren: Jeffrey (Lacy) Thomas, Kristi (Preston) Pierce and  
45 Jennifer (Justin) Fant; great-grandchildren: Brennan, Trey,  
46 Reaves, Lane, Ashton, Samantha, Chance, Taylor, P.J. and Zoey; and  
47 great-great-grandchildren: Ramzee, Dax, Gavin and Anna Parker;  
48 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

