

By: Representatives Barton, Read

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER AND
2 MERITORIOUS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE THAT MR. JERRY ST. PE' HAS
3 PROVIDED TO THE JACKSON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry St. Pe' has devoted his life to serving
5 and improving the State of Mississippi not only through his
6 professional contributions but also through his service as a
7 member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation; and

8 WHEREAS, a native of New Orleans, Mr. St. Pe' came to
9 Mississippi in 1958 as a newspaper reporter for the then
10 *Pascagoula Chronicle Star* (now the *Mississippi Press*), and in
11 1961, he joined the public relations staff of the Ingalls
12 Shipbuilding division of Litton Industries; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1967, Mr. St. Pe' played a major role in the
14 Ingalls and State of Mississippi partnership that resulted in the
15 first totally new shipyard built in America since World War II
16 being constructed in Jackson County, a project that not only
17 introduced new concepts for more efficient production of ships in
18 America, but also pioneered a new level of public/private



19 partnership for statewide economic development, and to this day,
20 the new shipyard project remains as one of Mississippi's most
21 successful economic development programs; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. St. Pe' was appointed Director of Public
23 Relations for Ingalls in 1971; in 1975, he was named
24 Vice-President of Public and Industrial Relations; in 1985, he
25 became President of Ingalls and was elected a Corporate
26 Vice-President of Litton Industries; and in 1998, he was named
27 Corporate Executive Vice-President of Litton Industries with
28 overall responsibility for Litton's shipbuilding operations, a \$2
29 Billion enterprise with 18,000 employees in Mississippi and
30 Louisiana; and

31 WHEREAS, the former President of Ingalls Shipbuilding and
32 Executive Vice-President of the shipyard's parent company, Litton
33 Industries, Mr. St. Pe' retired in October 2001 following the
34 completion of the transition of Northrop Grumman's purchase of
35 Litton Industries in April 2001; and

36 WHEREAS, throughout his professional career, and continuing
37 today, Mr. St. Pe' has been active in community, state and
38 national affairs, as he is one of the founders of the Jackson
39 County Economic Development Foundation (JCEDF), has served on its
40 board since 1977, and today serves as Vice Chairman of the
41 Foundation's Board of Directors; and

42 WHEREAS, for over four decades, Mr. St. Pe' has dedicated his
43 time and talents to improving the quality of life for countless



44 Mississippians and played an instrumental role in the effort to
45 transform the JCEDF into what is now widely regarded as a model of
46 public-private economic development partnership in the State of
47 Mississippi, and in 2002, he served in a leadership role for the
48 JCEDF's first Partners in Progress capital campaign which raised
49 \$6 Million to fund the JCEDF's program of economic development;
50 and

51 WHEREAS, as a result of his unwavering commitment to the
52 JCEDF, Jackson County is enjoying phenomenal economic development
53 success, including the location of Northrop Grumman's Autonomous
54 Systems Center, Gulf LNG Import Terminal, Rolls Royce Naval
55 Marine, James Town Metal expansion, VT Halter Marine Polar
56 Security Cutter expansion and ST Engineering Halter Marine
57 Offshore expansion; and

58 WHEREAS, in 1996, Mr. St. Pe' was named a Laureate in the
59 Mississippi Business Hall of Fame for his contributions to the
60 Mississippi economy, and in 1998, the Navy League of the United
61 States awarded Mr. St. Pe', who served in the United States Marine
62 Corps, the Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Award, the League's
63 highest honor, for his service to America's naval shipbuilding;
64 and

65 WHEREAS, additionally, Mr. St. Pe' is a retired member of the
66 Board of Directors of the Southern Company (the parent company of
67 Mississippi Power Company), and under an appointment by former



68 Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour, he served eight years as
69 Chairman of the Mississippi Gaming Commission; and

70 WHEREAS, Mr. St. Pe' is a man of incredible stature and
71 character, and his professional and community contributions have
72 tremendously advanced the wonderful State of Mississippi; and

73 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
74 recognize and commend the magnificent contributions to economic
75 development that exceptional Mississippians, such as Mr. Jerry St.
76 Pe', provide to the citizens of this great Magnolia State:

77 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
78 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
79 commend the distinguished career and meritorious leadership and
80 service that Mr. Jerry St. Pe' has provided to the Jackson County
81 Economic Development Foundation, and extend most sincere wishes
82 for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
84 furnished to Mr. Jerry St. Pe' and to the members of the Capitol
85 Press Corps.

