

By: Senator(s) Blount, Barnett, Butler  
(38th), Hopson, Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 559

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC  
2 SERVICE OF FORMER UNITED STATES MARSHAL NEHEMIAH FLOWERS, JR., ON  
3 THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE STATE PAROLE BOARD.

4 WHEREAS, we join the judiciary and public officials of this  
5 state in recognizing 45 years of outstanding service by Nehemiah  
6 Flowers, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the State  
7 Parole Board. Flowers has served on the five-member board for the  
8 past eight years. He was appointed by then-Governor Phil Bryant  
9 in 2013 and reappointed by Governor Tate Reeves in 2020. On  
10 Friday, December 11, 2009, Nehemiah Flowers, Jr., was recognized  
11 by the judiciary of this state on the occasion of his retirement  
12 as United States Marshal for the Southern District of Mississippi;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, in 1969, WLBT-TV3 named Nehemiah the Director of  
15 Public Affairs, affording him the distinction of being the first  
16 African-American TV executive in Mississippi and possibly in the  
17 south. In 1973, United States Senator Thad Cochran persuaded  
18 Nehemiah Flowers to join his congressional staff. In February



19 2001, Senator Cochran recommended Nehemiah for Presidential  
20 Appointment as the United States Marshal for the Southern District  
21 of Mississippi. On February 8, 2002, he was confirmed by the  
22 United States Senate. The appointment made Nehemiah one of two  
23 African Americans to serve as a United States Marshal since  
24 Reconstruction; and

25 WHEREAS, Nehemiah Flowers, Jr., is a native Mississippian,  
26 born and raised on Davis Street in Jackson. He attended Jackson's  
27 public and parochial schools. His elementary education began at  
28 Holy Ghost Catholic School and later he attended Brinkley High  
29 School and was "Mr. Brinkley" in 1962; and

30 WHEREAS, Nehemiah is a graduate of Belhaven College with a  
31 degree in Business Administration. He played halfback at Oklahoma  
32 University for three years. He is a Vietnam era veteran. In  
33 December 2002, he retired from the United States Army Reserve as a  
34 Brigade Command Sergeant Major with 30 years of honorable service.  
35 Marshal Flowers is the Past President of the Greater Jackson Law  
36 Enforcement Association (GJLA); former member of the Board of  
37 Directors for the Central Mississippi Red Cross; currently on the  
38 Board of Directors for Mississippi Blood Services, Developing  
39 Resources for Education in America, Inc. (DREAM); and National  
40 Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). He was  
41 selected by the website *BlackMississippi.com* as one of the 50 Most  
42 Influential Black Mississippians. Nehemiah Flowers is the father



43 of three children: Nehemiah III, Danielle Nichole and Brittney  
44 Elaine; and

45 WHEREAS, we recognize and take pride in the fact that  
46 Nehemiah Flowers, Jr., has been a vital part of Mississippi  
47 government for many years and we pay tribute to his legacy of law  
48 enforcement:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
51 we do hereby recognize the outstanding public service of former  
52 United States Marshal Nehemiah Flowers, Jr., on the occasion of  
53 his retirement from the State Parole Board and the high esteem in  
54 which he is held by law enforcement agencies and by the citizens  
55 of the State of Mississippi.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
57 Nehemiah Flowers, Jr., and his family, forwarded to the State  
58 Parole Board, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

