

By: Senator(s) DeLano, Seymour, Carter,  
Barnett, Branning, Butler (38th), England,  
Jackson (11th), McDaniel, McLendon

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT  
2 SERVICE OF CHIEF WAYNE H. PAYNE, THE FIRST CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE  
3 CITY OF D'IBERVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
4 RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, D'Iberville Police Department Chief of Police Wayne  
6 Hamilton Payne has announced his retirement as the first Chief of  
7 Police for the City of D'Iberville; and

8 WHEREAS, Chief Payne is responsible for all aspects of the  
9 D'Iberville Police Department daily operations. D'Iberville has a  
10 resident population of approximately 13,400 and a service  
11 population approaching 50,000. D'Iberville is one of the fastest  
12 growing cities in the state. The Department has 38 sworn officers  
13 and three nonpersonnel, three part-time employees for a total of  
14 44 employees. His primary fiscal responsibility consists of  
15 drafting, finalizing and overseeing an annual Department budget of  
16 approximately \$3.1 million. As the first Chief of Police, he  
17 built the organization of the Department from the ground up.  
18 Creating a structure developed to better serve a growing  
19 metropolitan environment. Chief Payne is first-line supervisor to



20 three deputies and final supervisory authority for all personnel  
21 within the Department; and

22 WHEREAS, Chief Wayne Payne, born in Gulfport, is a native and  
23 life-long resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He graduated  
24 from Gulfport High School and holds a Criminal Justice Bachelor of  
25 Science Degree from Southern Mississippi University. Chief Payne  
26 has been married to Paula (Huguet) Payne since 1974, and they are  
27 the parents of two sons, Wayne and Joey, both of whom are law  
28 enforcement officers, and have three grandchildren Kaitlyn,  
29 Kimberly and Haily Payne; and

30 WHEREAS, prior to becoming the Chief of Police for the City  
31 of D'Iberville October of 2007, Chief Payne worked for the City of  
32 Gulfport Water and Sewer Department from July of 1973 until he  
33 moved to the Gulfport Fire Department in April of 1974. He became  
34 a member of the Gulfport Police Department in September of 1976,  
35 as a Patrol Officer; and

36 WHEREAS, Chief Payne was promoted to Detective in 1980,  
37 Detective Sergeant in 1984, Detective Lieutenant in 1988,  
38 Detective Captain in 1989 and Major Officer-in-Charge of  
39 Detectives in 1990. In 1994, after completing 21 years of service  
40 with the City of Gulfport, Chief Payne was selected for and  
41 accepted the position of Chief of Police of the City of Long  
42 Beach, Mississippi. At the end of 1995 after one year as the Long  
43 Beach Chief of Police, Chief Payne returned to the Gulfport Police  
44 Department as Major of Operations. On February 9, 1998, he was



45 promoted to Deputy Chief of Police, and promoted to Chief of  
46 Police for the City of Gulfport January 2000; and

47 WHEREAS, after completing four years as Chief of Police and a  
48 total of 30 years with the City of Gulfport, Chief Payne retired  
49 January of 2004, and went to work as Major of Operations for the  
50 Harrison County Sheriff's Department. In 2007, he was selected as  
51 the first Chief of Police for the City of D'Iberville's Police  
52 Department; and

53 WHEREAS, Chief Payne has just completed his ninth year  
54 serving on the Executive Board of the Mississippi Association of  
55 Chiefs of Police, serving five years as Southern Vice President of  
56 the Association; and

57 WHEREAS, we can never repay our debt to law enforcement  
58 officers and their families. We should not pause and thank law  
59 enforcement officers only in the wake of tragedy and retirement,  
60 we should thank them every day, and we hereby extend the thanks of  
61 the Mississippi Gulf Coast and a grateful state to Chief Payne and  
62 his family:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
64 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize the outstanding law  
65 enforcement service of Chief Wayne H. Payne, the first Chief of  
66 Police for the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, on the occasion  
67 on his retirement, and extend to Chief Payne and his family our  
68 best wishes for their future.



69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
70 Chief of Police Wayne H. Payne, forwarded to the City of  
71 D'Iberville and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

