

By: Senator(s) McMahan, Kirby, Michel,
Blount, Butler (38th), England, Hopson,
McCaughn, Thomas

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 86

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MAYFLOWER CAFE AS A DOWNTOWN
2 JACKSON TRADITION AND COMMENDING IT FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE
3 TO THE JACKSON COMMUNITY.

4 WHEREAS, the Mayflower Cafe has been serving satisfied
5 customers in downtown Jackson since the 1930s, when it was built
6 at its current location on the corner of West Capitol and Roach
7 Streets; and

8 WHEREAS, the Mayflower was opened by John Dorizas, George
9 Gouras, John Gouras, and George Kountouris, Greek immigrants from
10 the island of Patmos, to specialize in fine steaks and fresh
11 seafood dishes, while also including an oyster bar; and

12 WHEREAS, soon after the establishment's opening, the group
13 was joined by Mike Kountouris, nephew of George Kountouris; and

14 WHEREAS, the Mayflower prospered over the years and became a
15 landmark in downtown Jackson; and

16 WHEREAS, the Mayflower has remained in the same family since
17 its beginnings. Current owner Jerry Kountouris, after having left
18 the pharmacy profession, stepped into the shoes of his father,



19 "Mr. Mike," in 1990 and shortly thereafter bought out his other
20 partners; and

21 WHEREAS, over 32 years later, Jerry is still proud to be
22 serving his loyal customers every day; and

23 WHEREAS, Jerry has expressed his appreciation for the
24 wonderful people who have worked at the Mayflower over the years,
25 saying, "I owe the longtime success to the best group of men and
26 women whom I work with day and night"; and

27 WHEREAS, this team consists of Frank Morgan, an institution
28 with the Mayflower Cafe for over 30 years; Crystal Watson, Tammy
29 Allen and Sandra Romine, who have been serving customers for over
30 18 years; Tricia Sanders, who has been serving lunch and dinner
31 for 15 years; and Amber Lofton, who has been working with Tricia
32 for four years; Anthony Monroe and Josie Phillips, who have been
33 cooking delicious seafood lunches and dinners for over 15 years;
34 Terra Thomas, Qunika Reuben, Stella Mayfield, Lee Goldman, Terry
35 Burkes and Eddie Tornes, who have been serving customers for over
36 six years; and Larry Green, who has provided security to the
37 Mayflower for over 10 years:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize the Mayflower Cafe as a
40 downtown Jackson tradition and commend it for its many years of
41 service to the Jackson community.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
43 Jerry Kountouris and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

