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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 106

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND RECOGNIZE DISTRICT 37 STATE
2 SENATOR MELANIE SOJOURNER FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE
3 MISSISSIPPI SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, District 37 State Senator Melanie Sojourner has
5 announced that she will not be seeking reelection to the
6 Mississippi Senate. She has represented Senate District 37, which
7 includes portions of Adams, Amite, Franklin and Pike Counties, for
8 eight years. In Melanie Sojourner, the citizens of District 37
9 have had effective representation from a dedicated public servant
10 with extensive experience in agricultural issues; and

11 WHEREAS, first elected to office in 2011, Senator Sojourner
12 served in the Mississippi Senate for two terms after being
13 reelected in the 2019 election. Proud of her accomplishments in
14 the Legislature, Melanie Sojourner said she has always enjoyed
15 working in the Senate and will miss it when she finishes this
16 year; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Sojourner was born in Centreville,
18 Mississippi, and was raised in Kingston, Mississippi. She is the



19 great-granddaughter of Albert Boyd Sojourner, who was in the
20 Mississippi House of Representatives in 1916. She attended Adams
21 County Christian School and graduated from Louisiana State
22 University; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Sojourner earned her A.S. from
24 Copiah-Lincoln Community College, and B.S. in Animal Science from
25 Louisiana State University. Sojourner's professional experience
26 includes working as a Production Assistant for a Walt Disney
27 production company, in the membership department of the
28 Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, and for the National
29 Cattlemen's Beef Association. Sojourner has also run a small
30 commercial cow/calf operation. She is a former 4-H Livestock
31 Specialist for the MSU Extension Service; and

32 WHEREAS, Senator Sojourner is former Chair of the Senate
33 Forestry Committee and in 2020, she was assigned to the following
34 committees: Highways and Transportation; Labor; Ports and Marine
35 Resources; Agriculture; Corrections; County Affairs; Drug Policy;
36 and Finance; and

37 WHEREAS, Senator Sojourner has two children, Kaelin and
38 Dayne; and

39 WHEREAS, Melanie has taken the values and work ethics
40 acquired from being raised on a sixth generation family farm and
41 put them to work for the Southwest Mississippi region, improving
42 the educational system, protecting private property rights and
43 working to create an environment that supports strong small



44 businesses. As a Senator, she always supported core traditional
45 conservative values and beliefs; and

46 WHEREAS, Senator Sojourner's service has been marked by her
47 sound judgment, civility, courtesy and fairness. She has set the
48 highest standard in all of her many roles: mother, statesman,
49 community leader, leader in the Mississippi Senate, and as a true
50 friend. Melanie's service honored both the Mississippi Senate and
51 this great state that she loves and serves:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and recognize District 37
54 State Senator Melanie Sojourner for her distinguished service in
55 the Mississippi Senate.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 Senator Melanie Sojourner and made available to the Capitol Press
58 Corps.

