

By: Representative Scoggin

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 73

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DONNA BLACK ON HER  
2 RETIREMENT AFTER 36 YEARS WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
3 OF JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Donna Black, Chief Financial Officer of the Economic  
5 Development Authority (EDA) of Jones County, is retiring after 36  
6 extraordinary years of dedicated service to the citizens and  
7 business community of Jones County, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, Donna Black's immeasurable contributions over the  
9 years to the Jones County Chamber of Commerce and the EDA have  
10 been insurmountable, and her unwavering commitment, selflessness  
11 and integrity have been a guiding force for employees, board  
12 members and community partners alike; and

13 WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Donna Black has been more  
14 than an employee: she has been a loyal mentor, natural leader and  
15 steadfast supporter of those privileged to work alongside her, as  
16 well as a faithful friend when needed, a mother when required, and  
17 a firm yet caring force when necessary, ensuring that all who



18 passed through the EDA and Chamber remained focused, driven and  
19 accountable; and

20 WHEREAS, Donna Black's sound guidance has been instrumental  
21 in shaping countless emerging business leaders, many of whom now  
22 serve on influential boards and organizations, and through her  
23 tireless mentorship in Leadership Jones County and Future Leaders  
24 of Jones County, she has empowered participants with the skills  
25 and confidence needed to uphold and advance the mission of their  
26 respective organizations, strengthening leadership across the  
27 community; and

28 WHEREAS, the profound impact Donna Black has had on the  
29 business and economic landscape of Jones County and the individual  
30 lives of many others will endure for generations to come as a  
31 lasting testament to her hard work, perseverance and dedication;  
32 and

33 WHEREAS, while her presence will be greatly missed, Donna  
34 Black's next chapter as the Manager of the Laurel Airport  
35 Authority is anticipated to be as remarkable as the indelible  
36 legacy she leaves behind at the Economic Development Authority;  
37 and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
39 recognize and pay tribute to outstanding Mississippians,  
40 especially those such as Donna Black, whose long and dedicated  
41 career has enriched the lives of her fellow citizens and



42 community, bringing honor not only to Jones County but also the  
43 entire State of Mississippi:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
46 commend and congratulate Donna Black on her retirement after 36  
47 years of dedicated service to the Economic Development Authority  
48 of Jones County and extend to her sincerest wishes for every  
49 success in all her future endeavors.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
51 furnished to Donna Black, the Economic Development Authority of  
52 Jones County and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

