

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Blount

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE OUTSTANDING
2 LEADERSHIP OF DISTRICT 24 STATE SENATOR DAVID LEE JORDAN FOR HIS
3 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE ON THE OCCASION OF
4 HIS RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, District 24 State Senator David Lee Jordan has
6 announced that he will be retiring from the Mississippi Senate;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, since 1993, David Jordan has served as a Democratic
9 member of the Mississippi State Senate representing District 24,
10 which covers Leflore, Panola, and Tallahatchie Counties. In David
11 Jordan, the citizens of District 24 have had effective
12 representation from a dedicated public servant with extensive
13 experience; and

14 WHEREAS, David L. Jordan was born on April 3, 1933, to a
15 sharecropping family in Leflore County, Mississippi. Having grown
16 up in an environment of economic hardship and racial injustice, he
17 overcame many challenges and was educated at Mississippi Valley
18 State University and the University of Wyoming, ultimately
19 obtaining a master's degree in chemistry and working as a science



teacher. Senator Jordan has served as a city councilman for the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, and has been an active champion of the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Jordan is married to the former Christine Bell. They have four children, David L. Jordan, Jr., Joyce Jordan Dugar, Dr. Donald Jordan, and Dr. Daryl Jordan; and

WHEREAS, as a perennial Senate leader, Senator Jordan chaired the Senate Drug Policy Committee and was assigned to various other committees throughout his tenure. Some of these include the Senate Agriculture Committee, Senate County Affairs Committee, Senate Education Committee, Senate Environmental Protection, Conservation and Water Resources Committee, Senate Finance Committee, Senate Forestry Committee, Senate Housing Committee, Senate Municipalities Committee, Senate Tourism Committee, and Senate Veterans and Military Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jordan's accomplishments included the implementation of character education in most school districts of the state, enacting the Mississippi Blues Bill to promote blues music for economic development, and passing a retirement package that benefited teachers; and

WHEREAS, David Jordan's long service has been marked by his commitment to success and recognized leadership. He excelled in a variety of major responsibilities and served the Senate, his constituents, and the state exceptionally well. Senator Jordan's public service has been exemplified by sound judgment and



45 fairness, and he set the highest standard in all of his many
46 roles, as a father, husband, grandfather, educator, citizen,
47 statesman, and leader in the Mississippi Delta and in the
48 Mississippi Senate, and as a true friend:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
50 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize and commend the
51 outstanding leadership of District 24 State Senator David L.
52 Jordan for his distinguished service in the Mississippi Senate on
53 the occasion of his retirement and extend to Senator Jordan and
54 his family the best wishes of the Senate for future success.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
56 Senator David L. Jordan and made available to the Capitol Press
57 Corps.

