

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



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

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

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

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

40 WHEREAS, David Jordan's long service has been marked by his
41 commitment to success and recognized leadership. He excelled in a
42 variety of major responsibilities and served the Senate, his
43 constituents, and the state exceptionally well. Senator Jordan's
44 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.

