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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 501

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
2 SERVICE OF FORMER SENATOR CLYDE WOODFIELD AND EXPRESSING THE
3 SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, after more than 30 years in public service, former
5 State Senator Clyde Woodfield passed away on Sunday, September 30,
6 2001, at 69 years of age; and

7 WHEREAS, Woodfield, whose political career spanned some of
8 the most tumultuous years in recent Mississippi history, helped
9 see the Coast through desegregation and Hurricane Camille in the
10 longest legislative session in Mississippi history; and

11 WHEREAS, former State Senator Clyde Woodfield spent more than
12 three decades in public service, including: 1968 to 1972, State
13 House of Representatives; 1984 to 1988, State House of
14 Representatives; and 1988 to 2000, Senate, District 48; and

15 WHEREAS during his years in the Legislature, he served on
16 nine committees: Business and Financial Institutions, Chairman;
17 Rules, Vice Chairman; Appropriations; Economic Development,
18 Tourism and Parks; Highways and Transportation; Municipalities;
19 Public Health and Welfare; Public Utilities; and Wildlife and
20 Fisheries; and

21 WHEREAS, his wife of 35 years, Sharon M. Woodfield, remembers
22 those years, and her husband's dedication to his constituents,
23 particularly the people of the Coast: "More than anything, he
24 loved this Gulf Coast," she said. "He wanted to see it prosper
25 and grow but see it retain what brought everyone here. He wanted
26 to keep everyone safe and pure. He gave it everything he had. He
27 was just dedicated"; and

28 WHEREAS, Woodfield ran two businesses in addition to his
29 years in the Legislature; he built, owned and operated the Sahara
30 Motel and Restaurant for 28 years, and owned and operated
31 Woodfield Farms for 35 years, a sprawling pecan grove on
32 Mississippi Highway 49; and

33 WHEREAS, he was a native of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and since
34 retiring from the State Senate, he was employed with the Anteon
35 Corporation at the Stennis Space Center and for the Department of
36 Marine Resources. He served on the Board of Directors for the
37 Memorial Hospital at Gulfport and the Salvation Army; and

38 WHEREAS, much of the work Woodfield did in the Legislature is
39 currently being put to work in the Coast community. He helped see
40 the formation of the 15-member Coast Transportation Commission
41 that was designed to unify efforts to develop a new east-west road
42 through Harrison County; and

43 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife, Sharon M. Woodfield of
44 Gulfport; three sons, John Vernon Woodfield of Long Beach, Michael
45 Allen Woodfield of Gulfport, and Charles David Lane of New
46 Orleans; one daughter, Kelly Margaret Sevier of Tallulah,
47 Louisiana; and four grandchildren; and

48 WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that we note the passing of
49 Clyde Woodfield, with whom we recall countless fond memories as a
50 politician and friend:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
52 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
53 we do hereby commend the life and legacy of service of former
54 Senator Clyde Woodfield and express the sympathy of the
55 Legislature on his passing.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 his wife, Sharon, and members of his family, and be made available
58 to members of the Capitol Press Corps.