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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 503

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.

