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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 506

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF  
2 PUBLIC SERVICE OF FORMER STATE SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE GLEN  
3 DEWEESE OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF  
4 THE LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, few business, civic and political leaders have left  
6 more significant footprints across the sands of Mississippi  
7 history than did former State Senate President Pro Tempore Glen  
8 Deweese of Meridian, Mississippi, who died Thursday, September 27,  
9 2001; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Deweese served in the Senate from 1976-1992;  
11 he was Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman from 1980-1988 and  
12 Senate President Pro Tempore from 1986-1992, a position denoting  
13 both his legislative ability and the esteem in which he was held  
14 by his colleagues; and

15 WHEREAS, his legislative legacy is one of fiscal  
16 responsibility and support of economic development, highway  
17 construction and the state's community college system; the  
18 highlight of his political career was the Education Reform Act of  
19 1982, which he had said was a vehicle steering education in a new  
20 direction in the state; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Deweese was Chairman and CEO of the  
22 Superstop! convenience store chain, with 72 stores in Jackson,  
23 Meridian, Greenville and Birmingham, that employ some 500 workers;  
24 he was re-elected last month to a second consecutive term as  
25 Chairman of the East Mississippi Business Development Corporation  
26 in Meridian; he was a backbone of church, civic, scouting and  
27 economic development efforts across the state; and



28           WHEREAS, his life story is compelling: Deweese's father was  
29 a sharecropper who later served 12 years as a county supervisor  
30 and 12 years as a Philadelphia City Alderman; Senator Deweese, a  
31 Neshoba County native, graduated from Philadelphia High, married,  
32 served in the Army and went to work as a salesman; while  
33 supporting his family, Deweese enrolled in then-Hinds Junior  
34 College in 1956 and used the G.I. bill to earn his degree through  
35 three years of night school; in 1993, he was named Hinds Community  
36 College Alumnus of the Year; and

37           WHEREAS, former Governor William Winter delivered the eulogy  
38 at the services: "Of all the men and women that I served with  
39 over 40 years in politics in Mississippi, he was one of a half  
40 dozen that I consider to be most effective in getting really  
41 meaningful public policies adopted in the State of Mississippi; he  
42 understood the state, the needs of the state, and he had that rare  
43 ability to combine his vision for the state with the  
44 consensus-building capacity that got people to agree with him";  
45 and

46           WHEREAS, Senator Deweese was a man of honesty, integrity and  
47 vision for Mississippi's future; as a powerful, influential State  
48 Senator, he served the taxpayers of Mississippi ably and well; as  
49 a business and civic leader, he gave of his resources to leave  
50 this state far better than he found it; and

51           WHEREAS, Mississippi will long remember this good, decent  
52 man, with whom we recall countless memories as a politician and  
53 friend:

54           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
55 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
56 we do hereby commend the life and legacy of public service of  
57 former State Senate President Pro Tempore Glen Deweese of  
58 Meridian, Mississippi, and express to his family the sympathy of  
59 the Legislature on his passing.



60           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
61 Senator Deweese's wife, Janice, and members of his family, and  
62 that copies be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

