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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 514

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 LONGTIME DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE TAX
3 COMMISSION LESTER HERRINGTON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
4 AFTER 36 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE STATE OF
5 MISSISSIPPI.

6 WHEREAS, Lester Herrington has announced he will retire from
7 his position as Deputy Commissioner of the Mississippi State Tax
8 Commission effective after the 2002 Regular Session; and

9 WHEREAS, Lester Herrington has held the position of Deputy
10 Commissioner of the Mississippi Tax Commission since December 1,
11 1984 and also serves as liaison for the Tax Commission with the
12 Legislature, and has served on the Executive Committee of the
13 Southeastern Association of tax Administrators since 1985; and

14 WHEREAS, beginning his career with the Tax Commission in
15 1966, Herrington was an auditor in the Greenwood District for six
16 years and was then Manager of the Tupelo District office for 10
17 years. On March 1, 1982, Lester became Assistant Director of
18 Revenue in the Jackson office, and two years later Administrative
19 Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, a position he held until
20 assuming his present position as Deputy Commissioner; and

21 WHEREAS, in January 1992, Lester was appointed by Governor
22 Ray Mabus to the Board of Trustees for the Public Employees'
23 Retirement System for the State of Mississippi for the term ending
24 June 30, 1993. On July 1, 1993, Lester was reappointed to a
25 four-year term by Governor Kirk Fordice. From October 1995 to
26 June 30, 1997, he served as Chairman of the Board for PERS. On
27 July 1, 1997, Lester was reappointed to another four-year term by
28 Governor Kirk Fordice. In April 1993, he was appointed to the



29 Delta State University Accounting Advisory Board. Lester was
30 selected to serve on the Mississippi State University Advisory
31 Council in October 1998. In July 2001, Lester was elected to
32 serve as President for the Southern Region of the American
33 Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators and in August 2001, he
34 was elected to serve on the International Board of Directors for
35 AAMVA at their annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee; and

36 WHEREAS, on April 8, 2000, Lester was inducted into the
37 Mississippi Delta Community College Sports Hall of Fame. Lester
38 graduated from Delta State University with a B.S. degree in
39 accounting and served as President of the DSU Accounting Alumni
40 Association from 1999-2000. In the spring of 1999, Lester was
41 selected to become a member of Omicron Delta Kappa; and

42 WHEREAS, Lester's legacy of work with the Legislature on
43 behalf of the Mississippi State Tax Commission has been
44 exemplified by sound judgment, firmness and impartiality, and he
45 has given this most important state agency a statewide reputation
46 for credibility and respect; and

47 WHEREAS, a native of Ruleville, Mississippi, Lester is
48 married to the former Bette Bowman of Ruleville, and they have one
49 son, Les and a grandson, Lester C. Herrington, III (Trey); and

50 WHEREAS, we are grateful for Lester's legacy of service in
51 state government:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
54 we do hereby commend and congratulate Mississippi State Tax
55 Commission's longtime Deputy Commissioner Lester Herrington on the
56 occasion of his retirement after 36 consecutive years of dedicated
57 public service, and wish him and his wife, Bette, the best in
58 their future endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to
60 Lester and his family, and be forwarded to the Mississippi Tax
61 Commission, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

