

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING OFFICER HERMAN L.
2 HORTON FOR BEING NAMED THE JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S "POLICE
3 OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2001".

4 WHEREAS, Officer Herman L. Horton has been named the Jackson
5 Police Department's "Police Officer of the Year" for the year
6 2001; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Horton is one of two officers assigned to
8 the Jackson Police Department's Safe Neighborhood Initiative
9 (S.N.I.) Unit whose primary duty is community policing in five
10 neighborhoods within the City of Jackson's Weed and Seed area.
11 S.N.I. Unit is currently located on Booker Street in the
12 Washington Addition Neighborhood; however, the unit will be moving
13 to a new location near Valley and Booker Streets; and

14 WHEREAS, the "Police Officer of the Year" Award is given by
15 the One Hundred Club and presented annually to the Jackson Police
16 Officer who distinguishes himself/herself through exemplary
17 performance during the previous year. The One Hundred Club will
18 present the award to Officer Horton on Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at
19 7:00 p.m. during a banquet dinner; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Horton recently received Attorney General
21 Mike Moore's "2000 City Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" Award
22 for his work in the Weed and Seed area and his community service;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Officer Horton credits hard work and perseverance as
25 the key to receiving JPD's top award. As you may recall, Officer
26 Horton and his former partner, Officer Derek Harding worked
27 diligently during the period of October 1999 through April 2000,



28 and were successful in conducting a street level undercover drug
29 operation in the Weed and Seed area. An initial 50 felony drug
30 cases and 38 suspects were presented before the Hinds County Grand
31 Jury and subsequently, 30 additional felony drug cases and 15
32 suspects were submitted with all receiving indictments. For their
33 efforts, Mayor Harvey Johnson, Jr., and the Jackson City Council
34 presented Officer Horton and Officer Harding with Certificates of
35 Commendation. The former United States Attorney, Brad Pigott,
36 also commended the officers for their exceptional work in law
37 enforcement by awarding them with the Department of Justice
38 Distinguished Service Award; and

39 WHEREAS, Officer Horton organizes an annual child/bicycle
40 safety rally in which he raises funds to purchase bicycles and
41 gives them away to underprivileged children residing in the Weed
42 and Seed area. He coordinates this event with the JPD Bicycle
43 Unit, the Jackson State University Campus Police, the City of
44 Jackson's Fire Department and the community leaders of the
45 respective neighborhoods. Along with the bicycles, Officer Horton
46 furnishes safety helmets and other safety equipment. Officer
47 Horton has done this every April since 1999. The next event is
48 scheduled for April 28, 2001 on the campus of Jackson State
49 University at the T.B. Ellis Gymnasium on Dalton Street. Officer
50 Horton says this event focuses on teaching children bicycle
51 safety, proper riding techniques and allows the children to have
52 fun at the same time; and

53 WHEREAS, in addition to the child/bicycle rally, Officer
54 Horton also coordinates an annual Weed and Seed "Mother's
55 Appreciation Banquet." This event focuses on showing the mothers
56 within the Weed and Seed area how much the officers in the Safe
57 Neighborhood Initiative (S.N.I.) Unit appreciate them. This event
58 also was started in 1999 by Officer Horton from funds donated from
59 local businesses and individuals in and around southwest Jackson.



60 Officer Horton is presently making arrangements for the 2001 Weed
61 and Seed "Mother's Appreciation Banquet"; and

62 WHEREAS, when asked about his thoughts on receiving the award
63 for JPD "Officer of the Year," Officer Horton responded, "It's
64 like being inducted into a Police Hall of Fame." "This is a very
65 coveted and prestigious award and it is indeed a distinct honor to
66 be chosen from among good, hard working officers," Horton said.
67 "To be named the 'Officer of the Year' for JPD is a crowning
68 achievement and an inspiration to continue excelling"; and

69 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
70 professional dedication of this public servant who has brought
71 honor to his community and to the State of Mississippi:

72 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
73 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Officer
74 Herman L. Horton upon being named the City of Jackson Police
75 Department's "Police Officer of the Year 2001" and wish him and
76 his family success in their future endeavors.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
78 Officer Horton and his family, be forwarded to Mayor Harvey
79 Johnson and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

