

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Hewes, Dawkins

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 529

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF THEO J.
2 "TIBBY" DELAHOUSEY, CAREER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FROM BILOXI,
3 MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, Theo J. "Tibby" Delahousey, a life-long resident of
5 Biloxi, Mississippi, and career law enforcement officer, passed
6 away on Monday, January 6, 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, his was a true success story of someone who was born
8 on the coast with not a whole lot of formal education, but did
9 very well; and

10 WHEREAS, Delahousey was a Biloxian to the core, from his
11 early days working as a shrimper to walking the downtown streets
12 as a beat cop; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Delahousey was born in Biloxi where he was a
14 lifelong resident. His family was one of the early settlers in
15 east Biloxi who made their livelihood in the seafood industry.
16 Mr. Delahousey was a commercial fisherman until he entered the
17 United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was stationed
18 aboard the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge. He married the
19 former Margaret Hollier, also of Biloxi. He dedicated the rest of
20 his professional career to law enforcement. He served the Biloxi
21 Police Department for 22 years as a patrolman, criminal
22 investigator, juvenile officer and traffic sergeant. He then
23 continued his public service career from 1991 to 1999 as a Special
24 Deputy United States Marshall, Court Security Officer at the
25 Federal Courthouse in Biloxi; and

26 WHEREAS, during his career in law enforcement he received
27 numerous awards and citations including, Police Officer of The



28 Year in 1976. He was a graduate of the Northwestern University
29 School of Accident Investigation and the United States Marshall
30 Service Training Academy; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Delahousey was active in civic and religious
32 organizations. He was a member of the Fleur De Lis Society (French
33 Club) and the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of St. John's
34 Catholic Church in Biloxi where he was a member of the Altar
35 Society and a Eucharistic Minister. He was a generous contributor
36 to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Mr. Delahousey was a
37 member of Elks Lodge #606 and the V.F.W. Lyman Bradford Post; and

38 WHEREAS, survivors include a brother, Dudley Delahousey of
39 Biloxi; two sons, Mike Delahousey and Steve Delahousey of Biloxi,
40 a daughter, Anita Boney and her husband, Tommy, of Biloxi; four
41 grandchildren Desiree' Smith of Gautier, Michael Delahousey of
42 Gautier, Matthew and Stephanie Boney of Biloxi; and two
43 great-grandchildren, Tiffany and Natalie Smith of Gautier; and

44 WHEREAS, former state Senator Ed Ryan, also a retired Biloxi
45 police officer, remembers Delahousey for both his professionalism
46 and his humor: "He never met a stranger. He was very
47 conscientious and he had a good work ethic. Anything that was
48 required or asked, he did it," Ryan said. "And, he liked a good
49 joke."; and

50 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this
51 well-known Biloxian who contributed so much to his community:

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 the life of Theo J. "Tibby" Delahousey,
55 career law enforcement officer and lifelong resident of Biloxi,
56 Mississippi, and express to his surviving family the sympathy of
57 the Legislature.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution be presented to
59 the surviving family of Theo Delahousey and be made available to
60 the Sun Herald and the Capitol Press Corps.

