

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Hewes, Chaney,  
Dawkins

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. VAL HUSLEY,  
2 CURATOR OF THE MARITIME AND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY MUSEUM IN BILOXI,  
3 MISSISSIPPI, ON THE OCCASION OF THE MAJOR EXPANSION OF THE MUSEUM.

4 WHEREAS, the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum in Biloxi,  
5 Mississippi, will be unveiling its \$2 Million expansion on Friday,  
6 February 21, 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, the continuing success and popularity of this museum  
8 is due, in no small part, to the efforts of Dr. Val Husley,  
9 Curator of the Museum; and

10 WHEREAS, a Biloxian whose ancestors immigrated from  
11 Switzerland in the 1850's, Val Husley received his Doctorate in  
12 History from Mississippi State University in 1970. After military  
13 duty in Vietnam, he taught History and served as an Academic  
14 Administrator at West Virginia Institute of Technology. He  
15 returned to Biloxi in 1984 as the City's Historical Administrator  
16 and helped develop the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum and  
17 other city historical assets; and

18 WHEREAS, as Curator of the Maritime Seafood Industry Museum,  
19 Val has labored for more than a decade to bring national awareness  
20 of the history and heritage of Biloxi and its life-giving historic  
21 seafood industry; and

22 WHEREAS, author of numerous articles on the American Civil  
23 War, American South and Maritime History, Val also designed,  
24 constructed and illustrated a wide range of museum exhibits  
25 nationally. As a member of a variety of historical organizations,  
26 his interests have also led him into living history reenacting and  
27 competitive shooting with historical firearms. His hobbies



28 include: crafting Pennsylvania rifles and other historically  
29 accurate eighteenth and nineteenth century firearms; and

30 WHEREAS, Val's untiring efforts to promote the Maritime and  
31 Seafood Industry Museum and Biloxi's seafood heritage also bring  
32 favorable attention to the overall history of Biloxi and the  
33 Mississippi Gulf Coast; and

34 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi applauds the efforts of Dr.  
35 Val Husley, as well as the work being done by the entire board and  
36 membership of the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum in Biloxi:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
38 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Val  
39 Husley, Curator of the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum in  
40 Biloxi, Mississippi, on the occasion of the upcoming milestone  
41 expansion at the museum, and we do hereby recognize the efforts of  
42 Val and the museum staff and all who make this grand reopening  
43 possible, and extend to the museum the best wishes of the Senate  
44 for continued success.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
46 Dr. Husley and his family and museum staff at the grand reopening  
47 of the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum and be made available  
48 to the Sun Herald and members of the Capitol Press Corps.

