

By: Senator(s) Little, Dearing, Blackmon, Browning, Bryan, Burton, Canon, Carlton, Carmichael, Chamberlin, Chaney, Cuevas, Dawkins, Dickerson, Frazier, Furniss, Gollott, Gordon, Hamilton, Harden, Harvey, Hewes, Horhn, Huggins, Hyde-Smith, Jackson, Johnson (19th), Johnson (38th), Jordan, King, Kirby, Lee, Mettetal, Michel, Minor, Moffatt, Nunnelee, Posey, Robertson, Ross, Scoper, Simmons, Smith, Stogner, Thames, Tollison, Turner, Walden, Walls, White, Williamson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTRICT 45 STATE SENATOR RON FARRIS
2 FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEGISLATIVE RECORD AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO
3 THE PEOPLE OF HIS DISTRICT AND STATE.

4 WHEREAS, Ron Farris, a Republican from Hattiesburg,
5 Mississippi, is completing 8 years of outstanding, dedicated
6 service as a member of the Mississippi Senate from District 45
7 (Forrest and Lamar Counties) and has indicated that he will not
8 run for reelection at the expiration of his present term in order
9 to spend time with his family and devote more time to the practice
10 of law; and

11 WHEREAS, in Ron Farris, the residents of District 45 are
12 losing an honest, dependable State Senator, and the residents of
13 Mississippi have lost 8 years of Senate experience and
14 unquestioned integrity; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Farris is Vice Chairman of the Senate
16 Transportation Committee and has served with distinction on the
17 Appropriations, Education, Elections Judiciary Juvenile Justice,
18 Public Health and Welfare, Universities and Colleges and Joint
19 Legislative Budget Committees, this committee experience
20 representing substantial legislative influence over the
21 establishment of education and health programs and the funding of
22 these programs; and

23 WHEREAS, Ron has taken a particular interest in public
24 education programs and the need for early education programs,
25 having served on the Early Childhood Education Task Force and
26 Advisory Council, and was instrumental in crafting legislation



27 relating to public education, Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship
28 Programs, teacher salaries, the adequate education formula, child
29 care facilities and programs, budget issues and tort reform; and

30 WHEREAS, Senator Farris is a successful practicing attorney
31 who was born May 26, 1961, in Forrest County, attended the
32 University of Southern Mississippi and the University of
33 Mississippi School of Law; he was a backbone of church, civic and
34 economic development efforts across his district; he is an active
35 member of the Baptist Church, is a member of the Mississippi Bar
36 Association, Gideons International, the American Legislative
37 Exchange Council, the American Red Cross, Kiwanis, the Pine Belt
38 Boys and Girls Club, the Mississippi Republican Party State
39 Executive Committee, Outstanding Young Men of America; and he is
40 dedicated to his wife, the former Leisa Sims, and children, Noah
41 and Joshua; and

42 WHEREAS, Senator Farris has provided firm, effective and
43 constructive representation coupled with a keen understanding of
44 the issues facing Mississippi and a passion about the education of
45 children, and the members of the Senate wish to express sincere
46 appreciation to Ron for his record of dedicated public service:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
48 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the legacy of public
49 service of District 45 State Senator Ron Farris of Hattiesburg,
50 Mississippi, and for all that he has meant to the Senate and his
51 unmatched contributions to the people of the State of Mississippi.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
53 Senator Farris and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

