

By: Senator(s) Huggins

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 544

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HONORABLE AND FAITHFUL
2 SERVICE OF MRS. ELIZABETH C. POWERS OF GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI,
3 UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI ETHICS
4 COMMISSION.

5 WHEREAS, on November 15, 1983, Elizabeth C. Powers of
6 Greenwood, Mississippi, was appointed by the Honorable Neville
7 Patterson, former Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court,
8 to serve as a member of the Mississippi Ethics Commission; and

9 WHEREAS, Elizabeth C. Powers has served the State of
10 Mississippi honorably and faithfully during her twenty-year tenure
11 on the Mississippi Ethics Commission; and

12 WHEREAS, Elizabeth C. Powers' twenty-year tenure on the
13 Mississippi Ethics Commission garners her the honor of being the
14 third longest serving member of the Mississippi Ethics Commission;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Elizabeth C. Powers has faithfully served as
17 Secretary of the Mississippi Ethics Commission since November 4,
18 1994; and

19 WHEREAS, Elizabeth C. Powers has exhibited a personal
20 standard of conduct which has greatly enhanced the Mississippi
21 Ethics Commission's ability to discharge its responsibility of
22 promoting ethics in government and has earned her the utmost
23 respect from her fellow commission members, past and present; and

24 WHEREAS, Elizabeth C. Powers has freely contributed to the
25 Mississippi Ethics Commission her experience and knowledge in the
26 operation of government, which has been of an immeasurable benefit
27 to her fellow commission members and the commission's staff, past
28 and present; and

29 WHEREAS, Elizabeth C. Powers has been a courageous and
30 unmistakable defender of the principles of government ethics in
31 the public and legal domains during her tenure on the Mississippi
32 Ethics Commission; and

33 WHEREAS, Elizabeth C. Powers will forever remain in the
34 hearts and minds of her fellow commission members and the
35 commission's staff, past and present, as a fellow compatriot in
36 the historical struggle to implement the ethics in government
37 laws; and

38 WHEREAS, Elizabeth C. Powers has shown a loyalty to the
39 Democratic ideal, surpassed only by her loyalty to the Mississippi
40 Ethics Commission; and

41 WHEREAS, Elizabeth C. Powers' departure on January 30, 2004,
42 from membership on the Mississippi Ethics Commission was sadly
43 observed by her fellow commission members and the commission's
44 staff:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
47 we do hereby commend the honorable and faithful service of Mrs.
48 Elizabeth C. Powers of Greenwood, Mississippi, for her outstanding
49 service to the citizens of the State of Mississippi as a member of
50 the Mississippi Ethics Commission on the occasion of her
51 retirement after a twenty-year tenure, and extend to her and her
52 family the best wishes of the Legislature on her future endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 Mrs. Powers and her family, be forwarded to the Executive Director
55 of the Mississippi Ethics Commission and be made available to the
56 Capitol Press Corps.