

By: Senator(s) Gollott

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING BRUCE STEWART OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI,  
2 FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GULF COAST COMMUNITY  
3 AND TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bruce Stewart of Biloxi, Mississippi, has been a  
5 tireless supporter of civic and charitable organizations on the  
6 Mississippi Gulf Coast; and

7 WHEREAS, a West Virginia native, Bruce Stewart moved to  
8 Mississippi when he was 17. He joined the Army and returned home  
9 a decorated Korean War Veteran. After completing post graduate  
10 studies at the University of Southern Mississippi via the GI Bill,  
11 Stewart began his career as an educator with Biloxi Public Schools  
12 serving as an Industrial Arts Teacher, Principal, Assistant  
13 Superintendent and interim Superintendent. He helped found the  
14 Boy's Club of Biloxi and has served on their board for 35 years.  
15 He was active in the Biloxi Jaycees and was named by them as  
16 Biloxi's Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1968; and

17 WHEREAS, August 16, 2004, was declared "Bruce Stewart Day" by  
18 the Biloxi Kiwanis Club where Stewart was named a George F. Hixson  
19 Fellow and presented a Legion of Honor award for 35 years of  
20 Kiwanis membership. He has served the club as founding board  
21 member, past President, Treasurer and Secretary, Kiwanian of the  
22 Year, and has chaired many committees, especially membership  
23 recruitment. He was named Outstanding Kiwanian of Division 14 for  
24 the 1994-1995 year and has been District Convention Chairman  
25 twice; and

26 WHEREAS, Bruce Stewart's commitment to the Mississippi Gulf  
27 Coast Community include the following: Baptist Builder Mission

28 trips to the Ukraine, Argentina, Scotland and twice to Guatemala  
29 to build churches; 16 years on the Biloxi Planning Commission;  
30 Chairman of Biloxi-First, an educational scholarship foundation;  
31 board member of the O'Keefe Foundation; interim Executive Director  
32 of the Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce; host to five international  
33 exchange students; active life member of American Legion and  
34 Veterans of Foreign Wars; Outstanding Volunteer for the City of  
35 Biloxi; Outstanding Citizen of the Year for the Biloxi Lion's  
36 Club; member and usher at First Baptist Church of Biloxi;  
37 Supervisor of the Habitat For Humanity House, built by his church;  
38 member of the Biloxi Taxicab Board; Chairman of Area Council of  
39 Boy's and Girl's Clubs of America; Spirit of the Coast Award from  
40 Mississippi Coast Chamber, 1993; past board member of Harrison  
41 County United Way, 1984, Salvation Army, Harrison County Cancer  
42 Crusade; Good Neighbor Award from the National American Legion;  
43 Biloxi Chamber of Commerce Director Emeritus Award 2003;  
44 Southeastern Area Council Volunteer of the Year 2001; Volunteer of  
45 the Year Award 2000; MS Area Council Volunteer of the Year 1999;  
46 MS Area Council C.A.R.E. Award 1997; Norman Bess Award 1994;  
47 Biloxi's Volunteer of the Year 1993; National Medallion 1989; Man  
48 and Youth Award 1985; past President Biloxi Chamber of Commerce;  
49 member of American Legion Post 33; past Chairman of Biloxi  
50 Planning Commission; Chairman of Kiwanis Club Annual Kids Fishing  
51 Rodeo; past Chairman Kiwanis Club Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo; past  
52 Chairman Biloxi First "Educational Foundation"; past Chairman MS  
53 Association of School Business Officials; Lions Club Outstanding  
54 Citizen of Year 1980; Outstanding Young Man of Biloxi 1968; and  
55       WHEREAS, Bruce is a very kind and gentle family man who is  
56 always eager to help anyone in need. He has been instrumental in  
57 the building of handicap ramps, Habitat for Humanity Homes and  
58 churches, locally, and in faraway places such as Ukraine,  
59 Argentina, Scotland and Guatemala; and

60           WHEREAS, Bruce Stewart and his wife, Wanda, are the parents  
61 of six children and the grandparents of 10 children, and mentors  
62 to many exchange students; and

63           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this most  
64 extraordinary gentleman whose accomplishments have been  
65 instrumental to the well-being of the Gulf Coast Community and to  
66 the State of Mississippi:

67           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
68 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Bruce Stewart of Biloxi,  
69 Mississippi, for his commitment and his civic and charitable  
70 contributions to the Gulf Coast Community and to the State of  
71 Mississippi, and extend to him and his family the best wishes of  
72 the Mississippi Senate in his future endeavors.

73           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
74 Bruce Stewart and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.