

By: Senator(s) Little, Brown, Browning, Bryan, Burton, Butler, Carmichael, Clarke, Davis, Dawkins, Dearing, Doxey, Flowers, Frazier, Gollott, Gordon, Harden, Hewes, Horhn, Huggins, Hyde-Smith, Jackson (11th), Jackson (15th), Jordan, King, Kirby, Lee (35th), Lee (47th), Mettetal, Michel, Moffatt, Morgan, Nunnelee, Pickering, Posey, Robertson, Ross, Simmons, Thomas, Turner, White, Wilemon, Williamson, Albritton, Chaney, Cuevas, Jackson (32nd), Thames, Tollison, Walley, Walls To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 602

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC
2 SERVICE OF SENATOR BILLY HARVEY, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF
3 THE LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, the Legislature and the State of Mississippi lost a
5 wonderful friend, colleague and true gentleman with the death of
6 State Senator Billy Harvey on Thursday, March 2, 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, a native of Jefferson Davis County, Senator Harvey
8 served in the Mississippi State Senate, District 41, for the past
9 18 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Billy Vernon Harvey was born in Carson, Mississippi.
11 He was past Chairman of the Senate Veterans and Military Affairs
12 Committee and Chairman of the Senate Forestry Committee. As
13 Chairman of the Senate Forestry Committee, he became a strong
14 supporter of the forestry industry in Mississippi. Under Senator
15 Harvey's leadership, Mississippi was the first state in the nation
16 to enact a reforestation tax credit, and he was very instrumental
17 in passage of the Forestry Economic Development Act of 2002; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Harvey attended Clarke College and was a
19 Ready-Mix Concrete producer. He was a member of the Jefferson
20 Davis County Chamber of Commerce, President of the Rotary Club and
21 was involved in a number of other community organizations; and

22 WHEREAS, Billy spent his life in service to his neighbors.
23 He was a member of Prentiss Baptist Church, where he served as
24 chairman of several committees and as Sunday School Director. He
25 was a Gideon, Mason and Shriner, current member and past President
26 of the Prentiss Rotary Club. He was an Army veteran of the Korean

27 War. He served as Chairman of the Board of the Southern Pine
28 Electric Power Association, along with a career as an independent
29 businessman. He has been past Chairman of the Jefferson Davis
30 County Economic Development Board and the Jefferson Davis County
31 Chamber of Commerce; and

32 WHEREAS, the love of Billy's life was his wife, Patsy
33 Courtney Harvey of Prentiss, and his children, Mitchell Harvey of
34 Monticello, Tammy Jones of Brandon, Kim Lott of Petal and Dedee
35 Taylor of Sumrall. He was the proud grandfather of twelve
36 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by
37 one sister, Mary Beth Golson of Columbia, and two brothers,
38 Charles Lee Loftin of Bassfield and Mike Loftin of Columbia; and

39 WHEREAS, Billy will be sorely missed by a long list of
40 friends far too numerous to name. He made friends easily and
41 never met a stranger. He served in a political office but never
42 lost that honorable title of Citizen Servant; and

43 WHEREAS, Senator Harvey's public service was exemplified by
44 sound judgment and firmness and impeccable attire, and he set the
45 highest standard in all of his many roles, as a father, husband,
46 businessman, citizen statesman and leader in South Mississippi and
47 in the Mississippi Senate:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
50 we do hereby commend the life and legacy of public service of
51 Senator Billy Harvey of Prentiss, Mississippi, and express to his
52 family the sympathy of the Legislature on his passing.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 the surviving family of Senator Billy Harvey and be made available
55 to the Capitol Press Corps.