

By: Senator(s) Tollison, Barnett,
Fillingane, Hopson, Jackson (32nd), Stone

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 669

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP
2 AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF MAYOR GEORGE "PAT" PATTERSON OF OXFORD,
3 MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, we pay tribute to a most public-spirited citizen of
5 Mississippi. Mayor George "Pat" Patterson of Oxford, Mississippi,
6 has announced he will not run for office again and has announced
7 his intention to return to business after two terms as Alderman
8 and two terms as Mayor. We commend him for his service and extend
9 appreciation for the difference he has made by guiding Oxford
10 through unprecedented growth; and

11 WHEREAS, Mayor Pat Patterson is a native of Oxford. His
12 family (the Kimmons) go back six generations. He graduated from
13 Oxford High School and then Ole Miss. He has been in business in
14 Oxford for many years. He is a faithful member of Christ
15 Presbyterian Church in Oxford. Mayor John Leslie appointed Pat to
16 the Tourism Council where he served for eight years, starting in
17 the 1980s. He has also served on the Chamber of Commerce and EDF



18 Boards which was the springboard for his interest or gateway into
19 politics; and

20 WHEREAS, under Mayor Patterson's guidance, the city grew and
21 developed while maintaining the charm of Oxford. The city is
22 experiencing unprecedented growth. The City of Oxford is planning
23 for this tidal wave by recently engaging city planners. In 2037,
24 Oxford will be 200 years old and the new strategic plan, "Seeing
25 Oxford at 200", is being prepared. This is not only unique to
26 Oxford, but small university towns across the United States are
27 attracting retirees by offering a safe, clean, small environment
28 that is most appealing. Oxford has a strong partnership with both
29 Ole Miss and Lafayette County. Not many communities can make the
30 statement that you can walk anywhere day or night and feel safe
31 doing so; and

32 WHEREAS, Oxford has been named by *USA Today* as one of the top
33 six college towns in the nation. It is included in *The Best 100*
34 *Small Towns in America*. Oxford's awards include:

35 • 2015, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation
36 Healthy Hometown.

37 • 2008, Bicycle Friendly Community (first city in
38 Mississippi).

39 • 2006-2007 and 2007-2008, Recycler of the Year, Mississippi
40 Recycling Coalition.

41 • 2007, Mississippi Scenic Community - Urban Forestry
42 Commission.



- 43 • 2005, Commendation for Preservation of Historic Structures
44 (Mississippi Department of Archives & History).
45 • 2001-2009, Tree City USA Award, every year.
46 • 2007, *Money Magazine*, 100 Best Places To Live.
47 • 2008, *Outside Magazine*, 20 Best Small Towns in America.
48 • 2005, *CBS News Story*, one of five ideal retirement places;
49 and

50 WHEREAS, Pat Patterson is Oxford's biggest cheerleader and
51 rightfully so! He has devoted a lifetime of energy and dedication
52 to this city. To call him a great leader would be an
53 understatement; and it is with great pride that we commend the
54 enormous civic energy of a Mississippi citizen who is a wonderful
55 example for public servants:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
57 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
58 we do hereby recognize the legacy of leadership and public service
59 of Mayor George "Pat" Patterson of Oxford, Mississippi, and extend
60 the best wishes of the Legislature to the Mayor and his family for
61 future success.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
63 Pat, forwarded to the Oxford Board of Aldermen and the Mississippi
64 Municipal League, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

