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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MARSHALL COUNTY SUPERVISOR AND FORMER CONSTABLE WILLIE FLEMON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS, Willie Flemon is completing his fourth term (16 years) as Supervisor for Marshall County. Prior to this service, Mr. Flemon served as Marshall County Constable for three terms (12 years); and

WHEREAS, Willie Flemon was born the son of a sharecropper but much of his life has pointed toward helping others and public service; and

WHEREAS, Flemon was born in Lafayette County west of Abbeville, the son of the late Willie and Myrtle Flemon. He was one of three children who moved with their parents north of the Tallahatchie River in 1940. "Daddy raised cotton, corn and gardens and tended to livestock," Mr. Flemon said; and

WHEREAS, Willie Flemon attended Rosenwald School, located at what today is the middle school in Holly Springs. He had to miss a lot of school to help in the field, so Flemon said he didn't get all the education he wanted. After high school, Flemon married Ida Mae Lawson of Holly Springs in 1952 and went to work for Buford Furniture the same year. They had two girls, Elizabeth Ann Isom and Betty Ann Flemon, and a son, Willie James Flemon. The Flemons lost a baby girl at birth whom they named Beauty B. Flemon. Mr. Flemon remained with Buford Furniture for 33-1/2 years as a furniture delivery man and hauler. He began in July 1952, the year after a fire swept the square burning Bufords in 1951. His wife, Ida, would get on cotton trucks and go to the

fields to pick cotton. She left the children with babysitters. It was tough financial times; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Willie Flemon ran for Constable of the Southern District and took office in 1984. He continued as Constable until 1996 when he was sworn in as Supervisor for District 1. As Constable, Flemon served warrants and court summons and subpoenas for justice court. As Constable he saw the county's needs for better roads and infrastructure. His main goal when he ran for Supervisor was to try to do something about the road conditions - most of which were gravel roads; and

WHEREAS, when he completes his fourth term as Supervisor this year, he will retire from public service. "People have been wonderful to me to elect me 7 times," he said. "I will now give it up to a younger person to try to do a good job for the county"; and

WHEREAS, he found his biggest responsibility as Supervisor was to make house calls and talk to people face-to-face in his district. He saw his job as Supervisor falling into two main responsibilities: to maintain and improve roads and infrastructure, and to bring jobs to Marshall County; and

WHEREAS, Flemon is a member of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, where he serves as a Deacon. His daughter Elizabeth said as a child of a public servant, she is proud of her dad. "The Lord brought him a long way. He always says his word is his bond"; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we salute the career of this respected and hardworking Mississippi public official:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize the dedicated public service career of Marshall County Supervisor and former Constable Willie Flemon on the occasion of his retirement and extend the thanks of a grateful state for his dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Supervisor Flemon and his family, forwarded to the Marshall County Board of Supervisors and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
March 31, 2011



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES