

SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. GEORGE LAWRENCE BLACKWELL OF PINE BLUFF, FORMER ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR AND HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER.

WHEREAS, Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff, former Arkansas State Senator and Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman, passed away Monday, February 23, 1987, at the age of 76, in his home town of Pine Bluff; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell became one of Arkansas' leading politicians and public servants, serving on the Pine Bluff City Council before being elected mayor, an office he resigned to enter the Navy in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell, a graduate of Vanderbilt and Harvard Universities, went on to distinguish himself in Arkansas politics, serving as a member of the Arkansas State Senate from 1947 through 1955, and then being appointed to the Arkansas Highway Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell, while serving in the Arkansas Senate, became well-known for co-authoring Amendment 42 to the Arkansas Constitution, a measure commonly referred to as the Mack-Blackwell Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Arkansas State Senate and friends everywhere mourn the passing of George Lawrence Blackwell, native Arkansan, distinguished lawyer, politician and public servant, a Pine Bluffian who enjoyed life, the out-of-doors and his family.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS,

That this Resolution is adopted in respectful memory of Mr. Lawrence Blackwell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Senate hereby extend sincere sympathy to Mr. Blackwell's wife, Mai Banks Blackwell, and other members of the Blackwell family.