

By: Senator(s) Walls

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MICHAEL POTTER FOR HIS COURAGEOUS AND
2 HEROIC ACTIONS ON APRIL 3, 1998.

3 WHEREAS, on April 3, 1998, two young girls fell into the
4 frigid and flood-swollen waters of Lake Ferguson; and

5 WHEREAS, upon being advised of the situation, Michael Potter,
6 a security guard for the Lighthouse Point Casino Security, ran to
7 the edge of the icy and murky waters of Lake Ferguson; and

8 WHEREAS, Michael Potter discovered exhausted rescuers
9 struggling to bring themselves and a victim to shore; and

10 WHEREAS, Michael Potter quickly came to their aid and helped
11 pull them to shore; and

12 WHEREAS, in a dramatic scene in the stark struggle for life,
13 a white hand grasped a black hand and the victim was pulled to
14 safety; and

15 WHEREAS, through the prism of joyful tears, there was no
16 color of skin but a rainbow of compassion, courage and heroism;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, once the victim was on shore, Michael Potter, who is
19 an EMT, quickly administered life-saving treatment that revived
20 the victim; and

21 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Mississippi wishes to recognize
22 and thank Michael Potter for his daring, courageous, compassionate
23 and heroic actions at the scene of a near tragedy:

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
25 SENATE, That we do hereby commend Michael Potter for his
26 courageous and heroic actions on April 3, 1998.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
28 presented to Mr. Michael Potter.