

By: Senator(s) Walls

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JAMES LAMAR EVANS FOR HIS COURAGEOUS
2 AND 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, James Lamar
6 Evans, a security guard for the Lighthouse Point Casino Security,
7 ran to the water's edge and, upon discovering that there were two
8 victims and an officer in the water, courageously entered into the
9 icy and murky waters of Lake Ferguson; and

10 WHEREAS, disregarding the peril to himself, James Lamar Evans
11 plunged through the cable-snarled waters to aid Officer Russell
12 Frazier in searching for a victim who had slipped beneath the
13 surface; and

14 WHEREAS, after Officer Frazier pulled the victim to the
15 surface, James Lamar Evans helped an exhausted Officer Frazier to
16 shore; and

17 WHEREAS, in a dramatic scene in the stark struggle for life,
18 a white hand grasped a black hand and the victim was pulled to
19 safety; and

20 WHEREAS, through the prism of joyful tears, there was no
21 color of skin but a rainbow of compassion, courage and heroism;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Mississippi wishes to recognize
24 and thank James Lamar Evans for his daring, courageous,
25 compassionate and heroic actions at the scene of a near tragedy:

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE

27 SENATE, That we do hereby commend James Lamar Evans for his
28 courageous and heroic rescue on April 3, 1998.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
30 presented to Mr. James Lamar Evans.