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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING J. KELLY ALLGOOD UPON HIS RETIREMENT  
2 AS PRESIDENT OF BELLSOUTH'S MISSISSIPPI OPERATIONS.

3 WHEREAS, J. Kelly Allgood, President of BellSouth's  
4 Mississippi operations, will retire April 30, 2000, bringing to a  
5 close a distinguished 35-year career with the company; and

6 WHEREAS, Allgood began his telecommunications career in 1965  
7 as unit manager with Southern Bell in Gulfport; and

8 WHEREAS, prior to assuming his current position in 1988,  
9 Allgood held a variety of positions of increasing responsibility  
10 throughout the company, including district marketing manager both  
11 on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and in Birmingham, Alabama,  
12 operations manager for the business service center in Jackson, and  
13 assistant vice president for public affairs in Jackson from 1984  
14 to 1988; and

15 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Mississippi operations  
16 obtained approval from the state Public Service Commission to  
17 apply to the FCC for entry into the long distance market in  
18 Mississippi, successfully implemented price regulation, and most  
19 recently, obtained legislative relief to give BellSouth equitable  
20 tax treatment; and

21 WHEREAS, a native of Benton, Mississippi, Allgood is a  
22 graduate of Mississippi College and has also completed the Indiana  
23 Executive Program at the Indiana University Graduate School of  
24 Business; and

25 WHEREAS, Allgood is heavily involved in education in  
26 Mississippi, serving on the Board of Directors of the Public

27 Education Forum of Mississippi (previously served as chairman of  
28 the board the first two years of its existence); serving as a  
29 member of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College; previously  
30 served on the boards for the Center of Telecommunications at the  
31 University of Mississippi and at Piney Woods Country Life School;  
32 and served on the President's Advisory Council at Jackson State  
33 University; and

34 WHEREAS, Allgood also serves on the boards of Trustmark  
35 Corporation, Trustmark National Bank, the Metro Jackson Chamber of  
36 Commerce, the Retail Association of Mississippi, the Institute for  
37 Technology Development (ITD), Capital Center, Inc., the  
38 Mississippi Resource Center, and the Metropolitan YMCA; and

39 WHEREAS, Allgood also served as Area 9 president for the  
40 Southern Region of the Boy Scouts of America and on the board of  
41 the Southern Region; and

42 WHEREAS, Allgood and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters,  
43 Tracey Miller and Wendy Cole; a son, Kevin Allgood, and four  
44 grandsons; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Mississippi Legislature to  
46 recognize and commend outstanding businessmen such as J. Kelly  
47 Allgood, whose leadership and community involvement exemplifies  
48 the characteristics of an excellent businessman:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
50 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend J. Kelly Allgood upon his  
51 retirement as President of BellSouth's Mississippi operations, and  
52 wish him well in his future endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
54 furnished to J. Kelly Allgood and made available to the Capitol  
55 Press Corps.