

By: Smith, Dearing

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22
(As Adopted by Senate)

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.