

By: Senator(s) Moffatt, Robertson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING VINCENT CASTIGLIOLA, JR., UPON  
2 RECEIVING A CARNEGIE HERO FUND MEDAL.

3 WHEREAS, a split-second decision on a Sunday afternoon in  
4 January 2000 to help someone in distress turned Vincent  
5 Castigliola, Jr., into a hero; and

6 WHEREAS, Vincent Castigliola, Jr., has been awarded a  
7 Carnegie Hero Fund Medal for his efforts that helped save a  
8 10-year-old boy from drowning in the Gulf of Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, Castigliola saved Jacob Powers from drowning on  
10 January 15, 2000, after the boy and his father, Jeffrey Powers,  
11 became caught in a strong offshore current while swimming at  
12 Perdido Key, Florida, east of Pensacola; and

13 WHEREAS, jeopardizing his own life, Castigliola swam out to  
14 assist the pair and began swimming with Jacob on his shoulders and  
15 pulling the boy's father along as the trio fought the current; and

16 WHEREAS, after 10-15 minutes of struggle, Castigliola was  
17 able to safely reach the shore with Jacob, and further down the  
18 beach, the father, Jeffrey Powers, reached a sandbar and walked to  
19 shore; and

20 WHEREAS, Castigliola was one of two Mississippians honored by  
21 the Carnegie Commission; and

22 WHEREAS, Vincent Castigliola, Jr., 50, is an attorney in  
23 Pascagoula, Mississippi; and

24 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the quick  
25 response and heroic act of an outstanding Mississippian such as  
26 Vincent Castigliola, Jr.:



27           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
28 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Vincent Castigliola, Jr.,  
29 upon receiving the Carnegie Hero Fund Medal.

30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
31 presented to Vincent Castigliola, Jr., and made available to the  
32 Capitol Press Corps.

