

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 84

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. ART SOUTHERLAND FOR HIS SERVICE  
2 TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
3 RETIREMENT AFTER 24 YEARS AS A FACULTY MEMBER.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Art Southerland has been an educator all of his  
5 adult life in a career that has spanned more than 40 years. He is  
6 retiring in May 2002 after 24 years as a faculty member at the  
7 University of Southern Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Southerland holds the rank of Professor of  
9 Educational Administration. His emphasis is in Higher Education  
10 Administration; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr.  
12 Southerland was Chair of the Department of Educational Leadership  
13 and Research from 1994-1999. During his tenure at USM, Art's  
14 service has included membership on the USM Faculty Senate, the  
15 Graduate Council, and numerous university-wide, college and  
16 department committees as well; and

17 WHEREAS, before coming to Mississippi, Art worked for twelve  
18 years as a music faculty member, Choral Director and Administrator  
19 in the Dallas County Community College District in Texas and  
20 served as Minister of Music in a number of churches; and

21 WHEREAS, during his years at USM, Dr. Southerland has taught,  
22 served as major advisor and been a doctoral committee member for  
23 hundreds of graduate students. He has earned a reputation of  
24 being an outstanding teacher, a superb listener, a highly  
25 effective motivator and an accomplished diplomat. His friendly,  
26 relaxed demeanor and his sense of humor, coupled with his



27 knowledge and experience, have been instrumental in his ability to  
28 help others succeed; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Southerland's work as a consultant, workshop  
30 presenter and speaker for public schools, community/junior  
31 colleges, agencies, businesses and industries has taken him  
32 throughout Mississippi; and

33 WHEREAS, Art and his wife, Polly, have two children and four  
34 grandchildren. They will continue to make Mississippi their home;  
35 and

36 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the service  
37 of this dedicated faculty member who has brought honor to his  
38 university, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
40 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Dr. Art Southerland,  
41 Professor of Educational Administration, for his 24 years of  
42 service to the University of Southern Mississippi, on the occasion  
43 of his retirement, and extend to him the best wishes of the Senate  
44 in his future endeavors.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
46 presented to Dr. Southerland, the Board of Trustees of State  
47 Institutions of Higher Learning and be made available to the  
48 Capitol Press Corps.

