

By: Senator(s) Michel, Dearing, Frazier,
Hyde-Smith, Walden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CELLULAR SOUTH,
2 THE ONLY WIRELESS COMPANY OWNED AND MANAGED BY MISSISSIPPIANS, ON
3 THE OCCASION OF ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY.

4 WHEREAS, Jackson-based Cellular South, the largest
5 privately-held wireless company in the United States and the only
6 wireless company owned and managed by Mississippians, is
7 celebrating 15 years of business; and

8 WHEREAS, Cellular South started operations on February 4,
9 1988, in one market, the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and now offers
10 service in five southeastern states; and

11 WHEREAS, headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, the company's
12 home service area includes metropolitan Memphis/West Tennessee,
13 Mobile and the Florida Panhandle; and

14 WHEREAS, Cellular South's total employment is 550, with
15 employment in Mississippi numbering 450, providing economic
16 development and benefits to the state; and

17 WHEREAS, the company launched digital service in Jackson and
18 Mississippi statewide in January 1999; and

19 WHEREAS, Cellular South remains focused on core business
20 values of providing best service possible at a good value; it owns
21 a long history of community involvement and strong family values.
22 Cellular South's employees are dedicated to making this area the
23 best place to own and use a wireless phone and to improving the
24 quality of life in the communities they serve through community
25 involvement and volunteerism; and



26 WHEREAS, Cellular South is a privately-held company owned and
27 managed by Mississippians, and an innovative management team led
28 by Victor H. (Hu) Meena, Jr., company president; and

29 WHEREAS, Cellular South's long history of benefiting
30 Mississippi residents by introducing unique services and calling
31 plans such as free incoming calls and unlimited calling; and

32 WHEREAS, it has donated more than \$1 Million to Mississippi
33 universities for scholarship endowments and has been recognized on
34 numerous occasions by national wireless industry for its
35 commitment to safety and quality to service. The company has
36 donated more than 500 wireless phones and airtime to Mississippi
37 neighborhood watch groups, postal carriers, driver's education
38 safety programs and classrooms for safety initiatives; and

39 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
40 Mississippi success story:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Cellular
43 South, the only wireless company owned and managed by
44 Mississippians, on the occasion of its 15th Anniversary, and
45 extend to company CEO Victor (Hu) Meena, Jr., the greetings and
46 best wishes of the Senate for success in its future endeavors.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 Cellular South CEO Hu Meena and be made available to the Capitol
49 Press Corps.

