

By: Senator(s) Little

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 111

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF
2 DISTRICT 22 STATE SENATOR NEELY C. CARLTON.

3 WHEREAS, Mississippi legislative history was made Thursday,
4 January 30, 2003, when Senator Neely Carlton became the first
5 State Senator to give birth while in office -- she was active in
6 her duties right up until the birth, and actually stopped by the
7 New Capitol to cast an important vote before going to the hospital
8 to give birth; and

9 WHEREAS, Neely C. Carlton, a practicing attorney and Democrat
10 from Greenville, Mississippi, is completing 8 years of
11 outstanding, dedicated service representing State Senate District
12 22 (Sharkey, Bolivar and Washington Counties); and

13 WHEREAS, Neely is the youngest Senator to serve in the
14 Mississippi Senate and the first Senator to give birth to a child
15 while in office -- she and husband Dave Maatallah are proud
16 parents of daughter, Marissa Louise Maatallah; and

17 WHEREAS, in Neely Carlton, the residents of District 22 are
18 losing an honest, dependable State Senator, and the residents of
19 Mississippi are losing 8 years of Senate experience and
20 unquestioned integrity; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Carlton serves as Vice Chairman of the
22 Senate Judiciary Committee and brings expertise to all aspects of
23 the committee's work, including civil justice reform, criminal
24 procedure, domestic relations and commitment; and

25 WHEREAS, she is Chairman of the Interstate and Federal
26 Cooperation Committee and the Uniform Law Commission, and serves
27 with distinction on the Agriculture, Appropriations, Environmental



28 Protection, Fees and Salaries, Public Health and Welfare, and
29 Universities and Colleges Committees; this committee experience
30 representing substantial legislative influence; and

31 WHEREAS, she was particularly active in the area of sex
32 offender registration of convicted sex offenders as part of her
33 on-going interest in children's issues; and

34 WHEREAS, Neely was born July 13, 1970, in Greenville;
35 attended the University of Southern Mississippi and the University
36 of Mississippi School of Law; was a member of Pi Beta Phi
37 Sorority, the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Washington
38 County and Mississippi Bar Associations, the Colonial Dames, the
39 DAR, the Alice Bell Garden Club, the Washington County Anti-Drug
40 Task Force, the Kiwanis and the Mid-Delta Workforce Alliance; is
41 an active Baptist; and is dedicated to her husband and child; and

42 WHEREAS, Senator Carlton has indicated that she will retire
43 at the expiration of her present term, in order to spend time with
44 her family and to devote more time to the practice of law, and the
45 members of this Senate wish to express sincere appreciation to her
46 for her many outstanding accomplishments and record of public
47 service:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend our friend and colleague,
50 Neely Carlton, for all that she has meant to the Mississippi
51 Senate and her contributions to the people of the State of
52 Mississippi.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 Senator Carlton and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

