

By: Senator(s) Walls, Blackmon, Simmons,
Frazier, Horhn, Johnson (38th), Turner,
Jordan, Harden, Jackson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF GARY L. ANDERSON, THE
2 FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN APPOINTED AS STATE FISCAL OFFICER FOR THE
3 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Gary L. Anderson is the son of Odie and Gertrude
5 Anderson; he was born in rural North Mississippi, Town of Byhalia;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Gary L. Anderson earned a Bachelor's Degree in
8 Public Administration and a Master's Degree in Urban Regional
9 Planning from the University of Mississippi, where he participated
10 in various student organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, Gary L. Anderson is married to the lovely Debra
12 Miller, of which they celebrate 20 years of married bliss; and

13 WHEREAS, Gary L. Anderson is the first African-American to
14 serve as the State Fiscal Officer from the State of Mississippi;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Gary L. Anderson served as President and Chief
17 Executive Officer of the Anderson Group from 1996-2000. He also
18 served as Senior Vice President of Community Development for
19 Sunburst/Union Planters Bank, 1993-1996; Deputy Director of the
20 Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development,
21 1990-1992; Community Planner, Assistant Director and Director of
22 the Governor's Office of Federal-State Programs, MDECD, 1981-1990;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, as State Fiscal Officer, Gary L. Anderson serves on
25 numerous state boards and commissions. He is currently Chairman
26 of the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Management



27 Board, Staff Advisor to the Bond Commission, and a member of the
28 Mississippi Tort Claims Board; and

29 WHEREAS, Gary L. Anderson has been and continues to be active
30 in several community and civic organizations, including
31 memberships in Leadership Jackson and the Community Development
32 Foundation of Greater Jackson, and also a member of Koinonia
33 Baptist Church, where he serves as a Deacon on the Deacon Board;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, appointed to serve as the State Fiscal Officer in
36 January 2000, Gary L. Anderson has made significant contributions
37 to the State of Mississippi. His leadership in budget management
38 is well documented by such financial entities as Moody's, Standard
39 and Poor's and Fitch's rating agencies and the *Bond Buyer*, a
40 financial trade industry publication; and

41 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi consistently ranks among
42 the top in states having exercised skillful, fiscally prudent
43 management of budgets during the most recent nation recession; and

44 WHEREAS, while serving as State Fiscal Officer for
45 Mississippi, Gary L. Anderson was invited by the European Union to
46 participate in a study of European fiscal policy, focusing on the
47 conversion of several different European currencies into the
48 present Eurodollar; and

49 WHEREAS, Gary L. Anderson has advocated a strong fiscal
50 policy that focuses on investments in people, processes and
51 technology during this recessional period affecting our national
52 economy, steering the Department of Finance and Administration
53 into expanding its services while sustaining a 17% decrease in
54 General Fund appropriations; and

55 WHEREAS, Gary L. Anderson's 22 years of working with
56 communities to finance housing, comprehensive planning, public
57 facilities, community and economic developing needs prepared him
58 for the responsibility to oversee the administration of the state
59 life and health insurance program, tort claims process, crime



60 victim compensation program, the Unemployment Compensation
61 Revolving Fund, the sale of state general obligation and revenue
62 bonds, and the State's accounting and pre-audit functions, as well
63 as purchasing land for the state, assignment of space in
64 state-owned buildings, police protection for various state
65 agencies, repair and renovation needs for state properties and the
66 primary building authority for construction and renovation of
67 state facilities; and

68 WHEREAS, Gary L. Anderson received certification from the
69 Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University as part of
70 his participation in the National Institute of Public Finance in
71 August of 2000. He completed requirements for certification as an
72 Economic Development Financing Professions by the National
73 Development Council, and attended a seminar on creative business
74 negotiating sponsored by the Institute for Negotiations; and

75 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Senate to recognize and
76 commend Gary L. Anderson for his dedication to improving the lives
77 of all Mississippians by his continued service to the State of
78 Mississippi in both the public and private sectors:

79 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
80 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize Gary L. Anderson's
81 excellent, consistent and determined contributions to the various
82 communities he serves, we commend him for his contribution to all
83 Mississippians for his devoted service to the State of Mississippi
84 through his work in the public and private sectors, and we do
85 extend to him best wishes for his continued success in future
86 endeavors.

87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
88 presented to Mr. Gary L. Anderson and be made available to the
89 Capitol Press Corps.

