

By: Senator(s) Harden, Frazier, Thomas,
Jackson (11th), Robertson, White

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. SOLLIE B.
2 NORWOOD, DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES OF THE
3 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, FOR BEING SELECTED AS
4 THE "PARENT OF THE YEAR" IN THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

5 WHEREAS, while attending a Jackson Municipal Separate School
6 Board meeting, Mr. Sollie B. Norwood was surprised with the news
7 that he was being honored as Jackson's "Parent of the Year" for
8 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Norwood will represent Jackson in the State
10 "Parent of the Year" Contest as the 2nd Congressional District
11 finalist, and the winner will be announced in late May at an event
12 coordinated by the State Department of Education; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Norwood is currently the Director of the
14 Division of Community Services with the Mississippi Department of
15 Human Services, and is responsible for the management of four
16 statewide programs budgeted at \$26 Million Dollars. Mr. Norwood
17 has extensive training and tenure in the development of community
18 services related projects. He has done additional training for
19 non profit staff and board members in policies, procedures and
20 program objectives. He is a certified trainer for the Pacific
21 Institute, trained by the National Center for Fathering to conduct
22 fatherhood seminars; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Norwood was born in Rankin County, Florence,
24 Mississippi, attended Good Hope Elementary School and graduated
25 from Richland High School. He received a B.S. Degree in Sociology
26 and a Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Jackson State
27 University. Mr. Norwood is a 33rd Degree Mason, a Shriner and a

28 member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and is a member of New Hope
29 Baptist Church on Watkins Drive in Jackson, Mississippi; and

30 WHEREAS, He is married to Joan Winters Norwood. They have
31 two children, Sollie II, 17 years old, and Ashley, 12 years old.
32 Sollie II attends Jim Hill High School where he plays basketball
33 and Ashley attends Peeples Middle School. Mr. Norwood is
34 President of the Jim Hill Boys Basketball Booster Club and
35 volunteers at Peeples Middle School; and

36 WHEREAS, Mr. Norwood supports children in the district as a
37 whole, helping other parents patrol hallways and organize
38 parent-teacher-student events, but as Sollie states: "No matter
39 how much I do, I can't do enough"; and

40 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize this parent who
41 works hard for his children and the children in his community, and
42 who has brought honor to his school district and to the State of
43 Mississippi:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Sollie
46 B. Norwood of Jackson, Mississippi, Executive Director of the
47 Division of Community Services of the Mississippi Department of
48 Human Services, for being selected "Parent of the Year" in the
49 Jackson Municipal Separate School District, and extend to him and
50 his family the best wishes of the Senate for success in the state
51 competition and in their future endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
53 Mr. Norwood and be made available to the State Board of Education
54 and the Capitol Press Corps.