

By: Senator(s) White

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 64

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING OSCAR ALLEN RINEHART FOR HIS MANY
2 PHILANTHROPIC DEEDS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSISSIPPI CITIZENS WITH
3 DISABILITIES.

4 WHEREAS, Oscar Allen Rinehart, a retired Major in the
5 Mississippi Army National Guard, has helped many individuals
6 through his business, Medical Equipment Consultants Associates,
7 Inc., located in Byram, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, a native of Lee County, Mississippi, Mr. Rinehart
9 founded Medical Equipment Consultants Associates, Inc., in 1998, a
10 business which specializes in the delivery and repair of clinical
11 and personal medical needs equipment such as mobility devices; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Rinehart became personally introduced to the
13 special needs of persons with disabilities and debilitating
14 diseases when his youngest daughter, Virginia Leigh Rinehart, was
15 diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy (Limb Girdle) at the early age
16 of seven and is currently dependent on a motorized wheelchair; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Rinehart's daughter, Virginia Leigh, taught him
18 much about the spirit of a true Mississippi fighter by honoring
19 all people with disabilities as she served as the State Goodwill
20 Ambassador from 1998 through 2000, and by pushing herself to
21 graduate early from Terry High School on May 25, 2004; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Rinehart has resolved to dedicate his time,
23 energy and resources to making a positive difference in the
24 quality of life for his daughter as well as all of those who find
25 themselves in need of mobility devices; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Rinehart's generosity is evidenced by his
27 donation of the use of a mobility device to an employee of the

28 Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building,
29 Grounds and Real Property Management, after learning about the
30 needs of that employee; and

31 WHEREAS, because of Mr. Rinehart's act of generosity, this
32 employee is able to continue his work for the State of Mississippi
33 and is enjoying an increased quality of life with his family; and

34 WHEREAS, the philanthropy of Mr. Rinehart has touched many
35 other lives during the course of his business, and he has found
36 that the smiles of those whose lives he has touched to be
37 considered full and complete payment of his services; and

38 WHEREAS, Mr. Rinehart is lovingly supported in all of his
39 endeavors by his wife, Frankie Leigh Rinehart, and their children,
40 Latricia Rinehart McCoy, Christopher Allen Rinehart, Delana
41 Rinehart Hoffman and Virginia Leigh Rinehart; and

42 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we do hereby commend and
43 recognize outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Rinehart, who has
44 dedicated his life to improving the quality of life for disabled
45 persons:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Oscar Allen Rinehart for
48 his many philanthropic deeds and contributions to Mississippi
49 citizens with disabilities.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
51 furnished to Oscar Allen Rinehart and made available to the
52 Capitol Press Corps.