

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.