

By: Senator(s) Thames

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JOSEPH JOHNSON,
2 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES FOR NORTH MISSISSIPPI
3 REGIONAL CENTER, RECIPIENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS JOURNAL
4 "TOP 40 UNDER 40" AWARD.

5 WHEREAS, Joseph A. Johnson, Assistant Director of Support
6 Services for North Mississippi Regional Center, State Department
7 of Mental Health, is a recipient of the Mississippi Business
8 Journal "Top 40 Under 40" Award for 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, the son of a veteran educator, Johnson was selected
10 Best All-Around Student as a high school Senior, handpicked to
11 serve as a Legislative Page, earned the prestigious Eagle Scout
12 designation, all while excelling academically. A native of Mize,
13 Mississippi, Johnson graduated from Mississippi College, earning
14 an Accounting Degree in 1992 and an MBA in 1998; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2001, Johnson became a licensed Certified Public
16 Accountant and a licensed Nursing Home Administrator, and
17 graduated from the John C. Stennis Institute's Leadership Program.
18 In 2003, he completed the Certified Public Manager Program. In
19 2004, he added another license to his resume: Mental
20 Health/Mental Retardation Program Administrator. He is on track
21 to earn his Doctorate in Educational Leadership, and recently
22 completed a dissertation comparing leadership styles; and

23 WHEREAS, for the Association of Behavioral Healthcare
24 Management, Johnson has held all offices and received the
25 Leadership Award. He has served as Treasurer of the American
26 Association of Mental Retardation. He is also a member of the
27 Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants and the
28 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and

29 WHEREAS, in the two years he has lived in Oxford, Johnson has
30 participated in Leadership Lafayette, where he created a model
31 project related to health and fitness programs that will be
32 incorporated into the community's healthcare arena. His family,
33 including his wife, Shea; son, Ethan, two; and his infant
34 daughter, Avery, is active in the First Baptist Church of Oxford,
35 where he volunteers in Sunday School and youth departments; and

36 WHEREAS, Johnson has participated in fundraising events for
37 the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and the
38 United Way in the Mississippi communities where he has lived while
39 serving in various capacities at the Department of Mental Health
40 facilities across the state. His dedication to mental health
41 causes is illustrated through his involvement in support groups at
42 Brookhaven's Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility and North
43 Mississippi Regional Center; and

44 WHEREAS, when he is not strolling the beach, golfing, playing
45 football or hunting and fishing, Johnson may be found refereeing
46 games from peewee to semi-pro. A certified football official, he
47 was honored with the Hank Bufkin Award as the Most Outstanding
48 Young Official for sports officiating; and

49 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize the leadership
50 success and civic contributions of this citizen who has brought
51 honor to his agency, his community, his family and to the State of
52 Mississippi:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
54 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Joseph A.
55 Johnson, recipient of the Mississippi Business Journal "Top 40
56 Under 40" Award, and extend to him and his family the best wishes
57 of the Senate for success in his future endeavors.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
59 Joseph Johnson, be forwarded to the State Department of Mental
60 Health and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.