

By: Senator(s) Thames, Gordon, Harvey,  
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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.