MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Senator(s) Chaney, Carmichael, Dearing, Frazier, Harvey, Hewes, Thames, Gordon To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF MARK 1 DAVID MUSICK, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD. 2 3 WHEREAS, since August 1975, Mark David Musick has served on 4 the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), the nation's first interstate educational compact, and, after demonstrating his wise 5 and effective leadership, he was chosen by his colleagues as the 6 7 board's Chief Executive, a position he has held since July 1, 8 1989; and

9 WHEREAS, he has worked tirelessly to provide excellent 10 information and informed advice to board members and other 11 state-level leaders in education and government; and

12 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the preparation of SREB's 13 1981 report, *The Need for Quality*, which established specific 14 recommendations for improving schools and colleges and pointed the 15 way for the educational reform movement of the 1980s; and

16 WHEREAS, he has been directly responsible for SREB-State Data 17 Exchange, one of the most timely and highly regarded comparative 18 data sources on education, and spearheaded the preparation of the 19 SREB *Fact Book on Higher Education*, the board's most referenced 20 report on trends and developments in education; and

21 WHEREAS, a widely recognized authority on issues of 22 educational standards and assessments, he lent his time and 23 expertise to the efforts of the National Education Goals Panel, 24 the National Council on Education Standards and Testing, and the 25 Governing Board for the National Assessment of Educational 26 Progress; and

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27 WHEREAS, education is the cornerstone of a strong and 28 productive society, and, throughout the course of a successful and 29 laudable career, Mark David Musick has contributed greatly to the 30 strength of our schools and colleges:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby join to recognize the distinguished career of Mark David Musick, President of Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), and express our sincere gratitude for his many valuable contributions to education, and extend our best wishes to him and his family for his future health and happiness on the occasion of his retirement.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to 39 Mark David Musick and be forwarded to the SREB in Atlanta, 40 Georgia, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.