

By: Senator(s) Gordon, Browning, Bryan, Burton, Chaney, Dawkins, Dearing, Doxey, Huggins, Hyde-Smith, Kirby, Lee (47th), Little, Morgan, Posey, Robertson, Thames, Turner, White, Frazier

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 509

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED  
2 PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE STEPHEN J. KIRCHMAYR OF JACKSON,  
3 MISSISSIPPI, LONGTIME COUNSEL FOR THE STATE COLLEGE BOARD AND  
4 COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT, AND  
5 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

6 WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen J. Kirchmayr of Jackson,  
7 Mississippi, Counsel and Court Administrator for the Mississippi  
8 Supreme Court and the state court system, passed away on Tuesday,  
9 October 4, 2005, at his home; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Kirchmayr, an attorney, worked in public service  
11 for 28 years in the office of the State Attorney General, at the  
12 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and at  
13 the Mississippi Supreme Court. He served under four state  
14 attorneys general and five chief justices of the Mississippi  
15 Supreme Court; and

16 WHEREAS, for the past 12 years, Mr. Kirchmayr served as  
17 Counsel and Court Administrator to the Mississippi Supreme Court.  
18 He oversaw financial operations, personnel, planning and all other  
19 non-judicial functions of the Mississippi Supreme Court and Court  
20 of Appeals; and

21 WHEREAS, as Supreme Court Administrator, he oversaw  
22 implementation of a new court system for the state after the  
23 Legislature created the 10-member Court of Appeals in 1994. He  
24 oversaw technological improvements for the Supreme Court, Court of  
25 Appeals and the state trial courts. He supervised programs which  
26 made the decisions, docket and oral arguments of the Supreme Court  
27 and Court of Appeals available to the public via the Internet. He  
28 oversaw resource improvements for trial courts; and

29           WHEREAS, from 1992-1993, Mr. Kirchmayr served as Special  
30 Assistant to the Commissioner of Higher Education, he joined the  
31 office of then-Attorney General A.F. Summer as an Assistant State  
32 Attorney General in 1977, providing legal advice and  
33 representation to state and local government officials and state  
34 agencies. In 1985, he became Deputy Attorney General,  
35 second-in-command under then-Attorney General Edwin L. Pittman, a  
36 position he held until 1992; and

37           WHEREAS, Mr. Kirchmayr was born September 6, 1942, in  
38 Vicksburg, Mississippi. He graduated from St. Aloysius High  
39 School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the  
40 University of Southern Mississippi in 1964. He earned a Juris  
41 Doctorate degree from the Mississippi School of Law in 1972. He  
42 worked in private law practice in Jackson, Mississippi, for five  
43 years before joining the office of the Attorney General; and

44           WHEREAS, he was a member of the Mississippi Bar Association,  
45 the Hinds County Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association and  
46 the Mississippi Court Administrators' Association. He was a  
47 fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation and a former member of  
48 the Charles Clark Chapter of American Inns of Court. He served as  
49 Secretary of the Conference of Mississippi Judges. From 1991 to  
50 1993, he served as a member of Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory  
51 Committee for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of  
52 Mississippi. He was a former Chairman of the Governmental Law  
53 Section of the Mississippi Bar Association. He was a member of  
54 the St. James Episcopal Church. Mr. Kirchmayr was a private pilot  
55 who enjoyed going to the circus and playing practical jokes; and

56           WHEREAS, Mr. Kirchmayr was preceded in death by his parents,  
57 Stephen and Earline Kirchmayr. Survivors include his wife, Kathy  
58 Crowder Kirchmayr, Jackson, Mississippi; son, Stephen Kirchmayr,  
59 Jackson, Mississippi; daughter, Deidra Kirchmayr O'Connor and her  
60 husband, the Reverend Edward F. O'Connor, Gulfport, Mississippi;  
61 and three grandchildren; and

62           WHEREAS, we are grateful for Steve's legacy of service in  
63 state government, and we will miss our friend dearly:

64           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
65 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
66 we do hereby commend the life and dedicated public service of the  
67 Honorable Stephen J. Kirchmayr of Jackson, Mississippi, longtime  
68 Counsel for the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher  
69 Learning and Court Administrator for the Mississippi Supreme  
70 Court, and express to his family the sympathy of the Legislature  
71 on his passing.

72           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to  
73 the surviving family of Stephen Kirchmayr, to the Board of  
74 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the  
75 Mississippi Supreme Court and be made available to the Capitol  
76 Press Corps.