

By: Senator(s) Brown, Davis, Frazier, King,
Kirby, Nunnelee, Ross

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING NICK ARDILLO, JR.,
2 UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
3 GOLDEN TRIANGLE REGIONAL AIRPORT.

4 WHEREAS, Nick Ardillo, Jr., has announced his retirement from
5 his position as Executive Director of the Golden Triangle Regional
6 Airport effective March 1, 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, he has served as Golden Triangle Regional Airport's
8 Executive Director since April 1, 1999; and

9 WHEREAS, his retirement culminates a career of more than 40
10 years of service in the public sector, including 26 years in the
11 U.S. Air Force, 7 years as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor
12 Kirk Fordice and almost 7 years at the Golden Triangle Regional
13 Airport Authority; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure at the airport, Nick Ardillo, Jr.,
15 developed several key programs that helped contribute to the
16 growth of the airport and nearby businesses; and

17 WHEREAS, he was the Project Director that brought American
18 Eurocopter, LLC, to the Golden Triangle, leading a regional effort
19 to recruit that prestigious company; and

20 WHEREAS, his efforts formed a partnership between the Golden
21 Triangle Regional Airport and the Columbus Air Force Base that
22 directly enhanced the Air Force mission and contributed to the
23 growth of that mission from the recent base closure process; and

24 WHEREAS, during his tenure at the airport, over \$20 Million
25 of improvements were made at the airport, including the
26 construction of an air traffic control tower to support operations
27 from Columbus Air Force Base; and

28 WHEREAS, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in
29 History and Political Science from Auburn University in 1966, and
30 his Master of Science Degree in Systems Management from Troy State
31 University in 1977; and

32 WHEREAS, he has been very involved in various community
33 activities, serving on the Board of Directors of the United Way,
34 Chairman of the Columbus Air Force Base 2020 Committee, and a
35 member of the Columbus Air Force Base Community Council; and

36 WHEREAS, he served as President of the Mississippi Airports
37 Association and is currently serving as the Vice Chairman of the
38 Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority; and

39 WHEREAS, following his retirement, he plans to remain in the
40 Golden Triangle area and continue his involvement in community
41 activities; and

42 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
43 dedicated service and constructive leadership of Nick Ardillo,
44 Jr., who contributed so much to the Golden Triangle Regional
45 Airport and the surrounding community:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Nick
48 Ardillo, Jr., upon the occasion of his retirement as Executive
49 Director of the Golden Triangle Regional Airport, and extend to
50 him our best wishes of success in his future endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
52 furnished to Mr. Nick Ardillo, Jr., and made available to the
53 Capitol Press Corps.