

By: Senator(s) Doxey

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION CITING THE HEROIC ACTION OF MARSHALL COUNTY
2 SHERIFF KENNY DICKERSON AND RECOGNIZING HIS CONTRIBUTION TO LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, on July 22, 2006, Marshall County Sheriff Kenneth A.
5 Dickerson led an exhausting 24-hour investigation by Mississippi
6 Highway Patrol, Federal Bureau of Investigation and other law
7 enforcement agents in locating 6-year-old Morgan Shaw, who had
8 been shot and left to die in a Mississippi field. Her accused
9 kidnapper led Sheriff Dickerson's team to the crime site 30 miles
10 away; and

11 WHEREAS, as a result of the quick professional response and
12 heroic efforts of Sheriff Dickerson and his law enforcement team,
13 this brave, resilient little girl was rescued from certain death;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, prior to this action, Sheriff Kenny Dickerson has
16 received much well-deserved recognition and thanks for his
17 unselfish action, including:

- 18 • Personal acknowledgement from President Richard M. Nixon
19 in 1973 for bravery and heroic service beyond the call of duty;
- 20 • Selection as Officer of the Year for 1974 by the
21 Mississippi Highway Patrol for bravery and heroic rescue in the
22 line of duty in the rescue of Curtis Pitner from a burning home on
23 January 25, 1973;
- 24 • Presentation of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 583
25 (1974) and presentation of the Outstanding Mississippian Award
26 from Governor Bill Waller in 1974 for the Pitner incident; and

27 WHEREAS, Sheriff Dickerson successfully graduated from the
28 U.S. Army Missile School at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama in 1973,
29 was promoted to the Criminal Investigation Unit in the Mississippi
30 Highway Patrol in 1979, was promoted to North Mississippi District
31 Superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Division in 1983,
32 graduated from the FBI National Academy in 1984, retired from the
33 Mississippi Highway Patrol in 1995, and was elected Marshall
34 County Sheriff where he is presently in his third term; and

35 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
36 dedication and special accomplishments of this individual whose
37 personal courage has brought credit upon the law enforcement
38 community of the State of Mississippi:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
40 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby cite the heroic action of Marshall
41 County Sheriff Kenneth A. Dickerson in rescuing 6-year-old Morgan
42 Shaw on July 22, 2006, and recognize his contribution to law
43 enforcement in the State of Mississippi, and the credit he
44 reflects by his action.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
46 Sheriff Kenneth A. Dickerson and be made available to the Capitol
47 Press Corps.