

By: Representative Perkins

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF  
2 MR. JOHN MCCULLOUGH AS PRESIDENT OF BELLSOUTH MISSISSIPPI AND  
3 CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. John McCullough, a native of Louisville,  
5 Mississippi, is retiring as President of BellSouth Mississippi,  
6 after 28 productive years with BellSouth; and

7 WHEREAS, an outstanding leader in the telecommunications  
8 industry, Mr. McCullough began his telecommunications career in  
9 1979 as an attorney for South Central Bell, and in 1986, he became  
10 the general counsel for BellSouth in Mississippi until being named  
11 state president in 2000; and

12 WHEREAS, before embarking on his legal career, Mr. McCullough  
13 faithfully served two years in the Army as a personnel specialist  
14 assigned to the Pentagon, and then worked as a salesman for RJ  
15 Reynolds Tobacco Company for four years; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. McCullough, who is a staunch believer in  
17 education, received a bachelor of arts degree in political science  
18 from Mississippi State University in 1971 and received a doctor of  
19 jurisprudence degree from the University of Mississippi in 1978;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, known for his giving spirit and economic aptitude,  
22 Mr. McCullough serves on several boards of directors, some of  
23 which include the Mississippi Economic Council, the Mississippi  
24 World Trade Center and the Mississippi Partnership for Economic  
25 Development, presently serving as vice chairman; and

26           WHEREAS, as a testament of his dedication to economic  
27 development efforts, Mr. McCullouch was selected as an inductee to  
28 the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame in 2005; and

29           WHEREAS, Mr. McCullouch, upon retirement, will serve as  
30 Chairman of the Board for TelecomPioneers, which is a volunteer  
31 organization that includes 620,000 current and retired  
32 telecommunications employees in the United States and Canada; and

33           WHEREAS, Mr. McCullouch has been supported by his lovely  
34 wife, Shelia; their three children, Brent, a Major in the  
35 Mississippi National Guard who serves as a Military Intelligence  
36 Officer; Brad, an Assistant District Attorney for the Fourth  
37 Circuit Court District; and Laci, a student at the University of  
38 Mississippi; and

39           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
40 and commend an outstanding individual such as Mr. John McCullouch  
41 who has been a trailblazer for the State of Mississippi in not  
42 only the telecommunications industry but also in the areas of  
43 civic and community activities:

44           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
46 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mr. John McCullouch for his  
47 outstanding leadership as President of BellSouth Mississippi and  
48 extend heartiest wishes for continued success in all his future  
49 endeavors.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
51 furnished to Mr. John McCullouch and to the members of the Capitol  
52 Press Corps.