

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.