

By: Senator(s) Moffatt

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 533

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DEDICATED CAREER AND
2 LEGACY OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP OF CHARLES H. CHISOLM ON THE
3 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
4 OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

5 WHEREAS, after a distinguished career of public service and
6 stewardship of the environment and Mississippi's natural
7 resources, Charles H. Chisolm has announced his retirement as
8 Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental
9 Quality; and

10 WHEREAS, Charles Howard Chisolm was born and raised near
11 Meridian, Mississippi. He graduated from Center Hill High School
12 in 1961 and from East Central Community College in 1963. He
13 graduated from Mississippi State University in 1966 with a
14 Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and in 1968 with
15 an M.S. in Environmental Engineering; and

16 WHEREAS, he worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in
17 Vicksburg, Mississippi, in 1966-1967 and with U.S. Steel in
18 Birmingham, Alabama, in 1969; and

19 WHEREAS, he has worked in the Mississippi environmental
20 protection programs since August 1969, having served in various
21 positions, including Director of the Office of Pollution Control
22 from 1977-1999. Since 2000, he has served as Executive Director
23 of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. The
24 department is responsible for protecting the state's environment.
25 It administers most of the U.S. EPA programs, including air, water
26 and waste management activities; monitors, models and regulates
27 water use; and functions as the State Geological Survey; and

28 WHEREAS, he is a member of the Mississippi Agricultural
29 Aviation Board and has served as chairman of that board. He is
30 Chairman of the Mississippi Coordinating Council for Remote
31 Sensing and Geographic Information Systems. In 2001, he served as
32 Chairman of the Governor's Water and Sewer Task Force. He is
33 currently a member of several other state boards; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Chisolm has been licensed as a Professional
35 Engineer in Mississippi since 1970; and

36 WHEREAS, he has been recognized by the Mississippi State
37 University College of Engineering as a Distinguished Engineering
38 Fellow. He was given the "2005 Award for Excellence in
39 Environmental and Resources Stewardship" by the American Bar
40 Association's Section of Environment, Energy and Resources. He
41 has received the 2004 "Engineer of the Year Award" from the
42 Mississippi Engineering Society and also the 2003 "Conservationist
43 of the Year Award (Governor's Award)" from The Mississippi
44 Wildlife Federation; and

45 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Nikki, have been married for 40
46 years and reside in Brandon, Mississippi. Their son, Eric, lives
47 in Los Alamos, New Mexico; and

48 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the many
49 years of selfless service by this dedicated public servant who
50 leaves a legacy of protecting Mississippi's environment:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
52 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
53 we do hereby commend the dedicated career and legacy of
54 environmental stewardship of Charles H. Chisolm on the occasion of
55 his retirement as Executive Director of the Department of
56 Environmental Quality and extend to him and his family the best
57 wishes of the Legislature in their future endeavors.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
59 Charles Chisolm, be forwarded to the Commission on Environmental
60 Quality and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.