

By: Senator(s) Little, Dearing

To: Adopted

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND SENATOR MIKE CHANEY FOR HIS
2 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Michael Jackson "Mike" Chaney is retiring
4 from the Mississippi Senate to run for statewide office after
5 serving 15 years in the Legislature (eight years in the Senate and
6 seven years in the House of Representatives); and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Chaney is a man of integrity and hard work,
8 and there is an acknowledged respect for the public, business and
9 charitable endeavors of our esteemed colleague; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Chaney represents the 23rd Senate District
11 which includes Warren, Issaquena and Yazoo Counties. He has
12 served as Chairman of the Senate Education Committee for the past
13 four years and was Vice Chairman prior to this term. He also
14 serves on the Senate Agriculture, Appropriations, Environmental
15 Protection, Conservation and Water Resources, Insurance, Ports and
16 Marine Resources, Universities and Colleges, and Congressional
17 Redistricting/Legislative Reapportionment Committees; and

18 WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Education Committee, Senator
19 Chaney has been in a leadership role in the complex issue of full
20 funding of the Mississippi Adequate Education Formula and other
21 high-profile issues regarding public education services in our
22 state. The Education Committee has jurisdiction over K-12 public
23 education issues, including early childhood education, K-12 reform
24 efforts, the federal No Child Left Behind Act, school violence,
25 special education, teachers and school finance and adequacy.
26 Senator Chaney was Co-Chair of the Joint MAEP Study Committee
27 which reviewed our state's funding formula compared to other

28 states which have been the subject of equity funding legal
29 challenges. Senator Chaney also took interest and was a leader in
30 the critical subject of building code legislation which continues
31 to be a central issue in the recovery of the Mississippi Gulf
32 Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Senator Chaney was
33 also appointed by Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck to serve on the
34 State Flag Commission, whose actions were closely followed by the
35 Mississippi press; and

36 WHEREAS, Senator Chaney is a proud Vietnam veteran, and is a
37 champion of any program which assists our returning veterans. He
38 is affiliated with Rotary, the Economic Development Foundation of
39 Warren County, the Vicksburg-Warren Chamber of Commerce, the
40 Mississippi Economic Council and the AWP. He is a member of the
41 VFW and the American Legion; and

42 WHEREAS, Senator Chaney is most active in the Episcopal
43 Church where he serves on the vestry and is dedicated to the
44 charitable affairs of his community, including the Good Shepherd
45 Board for Children and various arts programs; and

46 WHEREAS, Senator Chaney was born January 6, 1944, in Tupelo,
47 Mississippi. He is married to the former Mary Thurmond and is a
48 proud father of 3 children and grandfather of 4 grandchildren; and

49 WHEREAS, Mike was a source of tireless energy, often taking
50 on many difficult concerns and situations. He dismissed no issue
51 in which he truly believed. His thoughts were always channeled
52 toward what was best for our state, and his record as Chairman of
53 Education is recognized by all responsible citizens and public
54 officials who attest to the tremendous progress made in public
55 education programs while he served:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
57 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and recognize Senator Mike
58 Chaney, whose long and outstanding service enriched everyone with
59 whom he was associated, and we wish Mike, his wife, Mary, and
60 Mike's family much success in their future endeavors.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
62 Senator Mike Chaney.