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 Ross, Simmons, Thames, Thomas, Tollison,  
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To: Adopted

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

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

3 WHEREAS, Senator Charlie Ross is retiring from the  
 4 Mississippi Senate to run for higher office after serving 11 years  
 5 in the Legislature; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Charlie Ross is a man of integrity and hard  
 7 work with a complete knowledge of Mississippi's legal system, and  
 8 there is an acknowledged respect of our esteemed colleague,  
 9 gentleman and enlightened lawmaker; and

10 WHEREAS, Charlie Ross currently serves as Senator from  
 11 District 20 in the Mississippi Senate. District 20 is comprised  
 12 of parts of Madison and Rankin Counties; and

13 WHEREAS, in the Senate, Charlie serves as Chairman of the  
 14 Judiciary A Committee, which handles a wide variety of legislative  
 15 issues, including civil justice matters. He also serves on the  
 16 Constitution; Elections; Environmental Protection, Conservation &  
 17 Water Resources; Executive Contingent Fund; Finance; Insurance;  
 18 and Veterans and Military Affairs Committees; and

19 WHEREAS, Charlie was first elected to the Senate in 1997  
 20 after serving as a Representative from District 59 in the  
 21 Mississippi House of Representatives; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2004, as Chairman of the Judiciary A Committee,  
 23 Charlie drafted the comprehensive Tort Reform Bill and was the  
 24 leader in the Senate in the successful fight to pass the bill.  
 25 Senator Merle Flowers (R-DeSoto) says, "Senator Charlie Ross'

26 leadership and knowledge of our civil justice system was crucial  
27 in the tort reform fight. Charlie knew what needed to be done,  
28 and he knew how to do it. Mississippi is fortunate to have a  
29 leader of his character and ability in the Senate"; and

30 WHEREAS, in recognition of his leadership on the tort reform  
31 issue, the American Tort Reform Association (ATRA) presented him  
32 with the prestigious Civil Justice Achievement Award. ATRA  
33 President Sherman Joyce, said, "Senator Ross provided the  
34 leadership and expertise Mississippi needed to advance meaningful,  
35 comprehensive civil justice reform. We commend Senator Ross for  
36 his good work that will ultimately benefit the citizens of  
37 Mississippi." The Tort Reform Bill was landmark legislation that  
38 is now being held out as a model for other states. ATRA is the  
39 only national organization dedicated exclusively to tort and  
40 liability reform; and

41 WHEREAS, in 1988, Charlie obtained his J.D. with honors from  
42 Harvard Law School. In addition to his Senate duties, Charlie  
43 maintains a full law practice, concentrating on civil litigation.  
44 He is a shareholder in the Jackson law firm of Wise Carter Child  
45 and Caraway. He is admitted to practice before all Mississippi  
46 courts, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme  
47 Court; and

48 WHEREAS, Charlie is a 1978 distinguished graduate of the U.S.  
49 Air Force Academy, with a B.S. Degree in Economics. After the  
50 Academy, he served on active duty as a fighter interceptor pilot.  
51 In 1991, he was activated and served as a C-141 pilot during  
52 Desert Storm with the Mississippi Air National Guard; and

53 WHEREAS, Charlie grew up and attended high school in Eupora,  
54 Webster County, Mississippi. He and his family currently live in  
55 Rankin County, where he is active in numerous civic and community  
56 organizations. He and his family are members of Lakeside  
57 Presbyterian Church, where he serves as a Sunday School Teacher;  
58 and

59           WHEREAS, Charlie and his wife, Sharon, have three boys --  
60   Andy (24), David (21) and Steven (17); and

61           WHEREAS, Senator Ross' service has been marked by his  
62   commitment to success and recognized leadership, sound judgment  
63   and fairness. He has set the highest standard in all of his many  
64   roles, as a father, husband, attorney, officer, citizen, statesman  
65   and leader in the Mississippi Senate and as a true friend:

66           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
67   MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and recognize Senator  
68   Charlie Ross, whose outstanding service enriched everyone with  
69   whom he was associated, and we wish Charlie and his family much  
70   success in their future endeavors.

71           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
72   Senator Charlie Ross and be made available to the Capitol Press  
73   Corps.