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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 508

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING SENATE
2 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES ATTORNEY WILLIAM (BUBBA) NEELY UPON HIS
3 RECEIPT OF THE PRESTIGIOUS 2015 CARTER/HELLARD STAFF EXCELLENCE
4 AWARD PRESENTED BY THE SOUTHERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE FOR
5 DISTINGUISHED AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO STATE LEGISLATORS IN THE
6 SOUTH.

7 WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 19, 2015, longtime Senate
8 Legislative Services Attorney William (Bubba) Neely was presented
9 the prestigious 2015 Carter/Hellard Staff Excellence Award by the
10 Southern Legislative Conference for distinguished and outstanding
11 service to state Legislators in the South. This award is
12 presented to the individual whom, in the judgment of the
13 Legislative Service Agency Directors, has demonstrated excellence
14 and dedication in staffing service to the Legislature. The
15 presentation was made by Bob Davidson, Director of the Mississippi
16 Senate Legislative Services Office, and Teresa Tiller, Director
17 (retired) of the Mississippi House Legislative Services Office, at
18 the Annual Southern Legislative Conference held in Savannah,
19 Georgia. It was the first such staff award for excellence
20 received by the Mississippi Senate; and



21 WHEREAS, William is known to everyone in the State of
22 Mississippi as "Bubba." Bubba was employed by the Mississippi
23 Senate Legislative Services Office in 1977 and the 2015 Regular
24 Session was his 38th year as Staff Attorney for the Senate. The
25 Legislative Services Office is organized by committee assignments
26 and Bubba is responsible for all legislation regarding state and
27 local taxation and bonded indebtedness. Over the years he has
28 become an acknowledged expert in these fields by State Agency
29 Directors, the Mississippi Department of Revenue, and bond
30 lawyers. He has developed the language in our bills for the
31 various types of economic development and general obligation bonds
32 which has become a critical part of our legislative process.
33 Bubba has also been responsible for election legislation and
34 appeared before the U.S. Department of Justice preclearance
35 attorneys in Washington, D.C., on behalf of the state to present
36 the Election Code of 1986, a major revision and reenactment of our
37 election laws; and

38 WHEREAS, Bubba's father (the late Dr. Augustus Neely) was one
39 of the founders of the University Medical Center in Jackson in the
40 1950s and Bubba has brought to the Mississippi Senate the
41 perspective of the health care industry and the academic faculty
42 community. During Bubba's career he turned down numerous offers
43 from the private sector due to his genuine dedication to our
44 legislative institution. He serves his state well with skill,
45 professionalism and dignity; and



46 WHEREAS, this award is to honor an individual who has
47 demonstrated a longstanding commitment to the legislative
48 institution and a clear vision and understanding of the role of
49 legislative staffing in representative government; participated in
50 the provision of staff work resulting in systemic public policy
51 reform or institutional improvement; and consistently approached
52 his or her legislative work with grace and good humor under
53 pressure. Bubba has demonstrated beyond a doubt his love for the
54 Mississippi Senate and his dedication to the principle that the
55 provision of legal services to the Legislature be done in a
56 professional manner and environment; and

57 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we join the Southern
58 Legislative Conference in recognizing a career that has brought
59 honor to The Mississippi Bar, the Mississippi Legislature and to
60 the Great State of Mississippi:

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
62 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
63 we do hereby recognize and congratulate Senate Legislative
64 Services Attorney William (Bubba) Neely upon his receipt of the
65 prestigious 2015 Carter/Hellard Staff Excellence Award presented
66 by the Southern Legislative Conference in Savannah, Georgia, on
67 July 19, 2015, for distinguished and outstanding service to state
68 legislators in the South, and extend the commendation of the
69 Mississippi Legislature for this auspicious award.



70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
71 Bubba Neely and members of his family and the Senate Legislative
72 Services Office, forwarded to The Mississippi Bar and the Southern
73 Legislative Conference, and made available to the Capitol Press
74 Corps.

