

By: Senator(s) DeBar, Carmichael, Dearing,  
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 535

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING  
2 MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT JUSTICE AND FORMER MISSISSIPPI  
3 REPRESENTATIVE RANDY (BUBBA) PIERCE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
4 RETIREMENT FROM THE BENCH AND TRANSITION AS DIRECTOR OF THE  
5 MISSISSIPPI JUDICIAL COLLEGE.

6 WHEREAS, Justice Randy Pierce will leave the Mississippi  
7 Supreme Court on February 1, 2016, to become Director of the  
8 Mississippi Judicial College. In his new role, Justice Pierce  
9 will oversee training and continuing legal education for judges  
10 and staff of the entire state court system. The Mississippi  
11 Judicial College is a division of the University of Mississippi  
12 School of Law; and

13 WHEREAS, Justice Pierce said, "I look forward to working with  
14 the law school and the university. It has been an honor and a  
15 blessing to serve on the Mississippi Supreme Court." He also  
16 looks forward to continuing to teach. He has been an Adjunct  
17 Professor at the Mississippi College School of Law and the  
18 University of Southern Mississippi; and



19           WHEREAS, Chief Justice Bill Waller, Jr., said "Justice  
20 Pierce's background and experience as an Accountant, former  
21 Legislator and Chancellor have been invaluable to the court. He  
22 has great insight and understanding of the laws the court is  
23 called upon to interpret. He has been a great liaison for the  
24 court in its efforts to ensure adequate resources for the  
25 operation of the judicial branch. He has also provided  
26 outstanding leadership in efforts to improve the health, safety  
27 and well-being of children"; and

28           WHEREAS, the Mississippi Judicial College provides  
29 introductory training and continuing legal education for all  
30 members of the Judiciary: Supreme Court Justices; Court of  
31 Appeals Judges; trial court judges of the Chancery, Circuit and  
32 County Courts; Youth Court Judges and Referees; and for Justice  
33 Court and Municipal Court Judges. Court Clerks, Court  
34 Administrators and Court Reporters are required to attend periodic  
35 legal education programs provided by the Judicial College. The  
36 Judicial College also provides technical assistance to state  
37 courts, including research and drafting of proposed court rules.  
38 The Judicial College is tasked to supply information to the  
39 Legislature regarding the ongoing needs of the courts; and

40           WHEREAS, Justice Pierce was elected to the Mississippi  
41 Supreme Court in November 2008 and began his term on January 5,  
42 2009. The term will expire in December 2016; and



43           WHEREAS, Justice Pierce previously served as a Chancellor on  
44 the 16th Chancery Court District, which is made up of George,  
45 Greene and Jackson Counties. He also served in the Mississippi  
46 House of Representatives from District 105. He was Chairman of  
47 the House Education Committee and Appropriations Subcommittee on  
48 Public Education; and

49           WHEREAS, Justice Pierce grew up in the Unity Community, near  
50 Leakesville, Mississippi. He attended Jones County Junior College  
51 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the  
52 University of Southern Mississippi. He worked as a Certified  
53 Public Accountant before earning his Masters degree in Business  
54 Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf  
55 Park Campus. He earned his law degree in 1997 from the University  
56 of Mississippi School of Law, and served as President of the Law  
57 School Student Body. He was admitted to the practice of law in  
58 April 1997 and entered private practice in Greene County; and

59           WHEREAS, Justice Pierce has served the court and the  
60 Legislature as leader and mentor. While on the bench and in the  
61 Legislature, he consistently lectured on professional standards of  
62 the practice, including ethics, integrity, civility, courtesy and  
63 adherence to the Golden Rule. Justice Pierce's service has  
64 honored both The Mississippi Bar, the Mississippi Legislature and  
65 this great state that he loves and continues to serve; and it is  
66 with great pride that we acknowledge the career and public service  
67 of this dedicated Mississippi citizen:



68           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
69   MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
70   we recognize and congratulate Mississippi Supreme Court Justice  
71   and former Mississippi Representative Randy (Bubba) Pierce on the  
72   occasion of his retirement from the bench and transition as  
73   Director of the Mississippi Judicial College, and extend to him  
74   the best wishes of the Legislature as he assumes new judicial  
75   responsibilities.

76           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
77   presented to Randy (Bubba) Pierce, forwarded to The Mississippi  
78   Bar, the Mississippi Supreme Court and the Mississippi Judicial  
79   College, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

