

By: Senator(s) Jackson (15th), Fillingane,  
Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 587

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MICHAEL  
2 THOMAS, MANAGER OF LAND, GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE  
3 NORTH AMERICAN COAL CORPORATION IN ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI, AS  
4 2015-2016 CHAIRMAN OF THE MISSISSIPPI MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION.

5 WHEREAS, Michael Thomas, Manager of Land, Government and  
6 Public Affairs of The North American Coal Corporation in Ackerman,  
7 has been named the 2015-2016 Chairman of the Mississippi  
8 Manufacturers Association Board of Directors. Thomas joined North  
9 American Coal in 1998 as Manager of Human Resources, Safety and  
10 Training, and in 2002, he became Manager of Land, Government and  
11 Public Affairs. Before joining North American Coal, Thomas  
12 enjoyed a fulfilling thirty-year career as an educator. He has  
13 over 45 years of experience in education administration, workforce  
14 development, governmental affairs, human resources and management;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Thomas has a Bachelor of Science degree in  
17 Industrial Education, an Educational Specialist degree from  
18 Mississippi State University, and a Master's degree in Vocational  
19 Education/Administration from the University of Arkansas; and



20           WHEREAS, he has always been active in community and  
21 professional organizations and currently serves as a Board Member  
22 of the following: Mississippi Energy Institute, State Workforce  
23 Investment Board, Golden Triangle Regional Solid Waste Management  
24 Authority, and Holmes Community College Workforce Development  
25 Council. Thomas also served for three terms as a member of the  
26 Board of Aldermen for the Town of Ackerman, and has been  
27 recognized for his achievements and is a recipient of the  
28 prestigious Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award; and

29           WHEREAS, Thomas is a French Camp native and currently lives  
30 in Ackerman. He is married to Dot Thomas and they have two  
31 children and five grandchildren; and

32           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we pay tribute to this  
33 most public-spirited citizen of Mississippi whose enormous civic  
34 energy is a wonderful example for all in our state:

35           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
36 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
37 we do hereby commend and congratulate Michael Thomas, Manager of  
38 Land, Government and Public Affairs of the North American Coal  
39 Corporation in Ackerman, Mississippi, as the 2015-2016 Chairman of  
40 the Mississippi Manufacturers Association, and extend our best  
41 wishes to Michael and his family on this high honor.

42           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
43 Michael Thomas, forwarded to the Executive Director of the



44 Mississippi Manufacturers Association, and made available to the  
45 Capitol Press Corps.

