

By: Senator(s) Simmons (12th),  
Norwood, Butler, Simmons (13th),  
Blackmon, Witherspoon, Frazier,  
Hopson, Jordan, Dawkins, Jackson  
(11th), Stone, Barnett, Turner-  
Ford, Blount, Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED PROSECUTORIAL  
2 SERVICE OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF  
3 MISSISSIPPI GREGORY K. DAVIS WHO WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
4 ATTORNEY TO SERVE IN THIS POST.

5 WHEREAS, Honorable Gregory K. Davis has announced his  
6 retirement from office as United States Attorney for the Southern  
7 District of Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama nominated Gregory K. Davis to  
9 serve as a United States Attorney in June 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, "I am pleased to nominate Gregory K. Davis to serve  
11 the people of Mississippi as a United States Attorney," said  
12 President Obama; and

13 WHEREAS, Gregory Davis was a member of the law firm Davis,  
14 Goss & Williams, PLLC since 1989. He cofounded this firm and his  
15 practice focused on Civil Litigation. From 1987 to 1989 he was an  
16 Associate Attorney for the law firm Stamps & Stamps. Mr. Davis  
17 graduated from Mississippi State University in 1984 and Tulane  
18 University School of Law in 1987; and



19 WHEREAS, U.S. Attorney Gregory Davis was active in youth  
20 mentorship, speaking at Forest Hill High School in January 2017 as  
21 the most recent stop in his Legal Enrichment and Decision-Making  
22 (LEAD) Campaign, which helps educate young people to understand  
23 and confront some of the challenges they face in their lives each  
24 day. Mississippi teens' first encounter with law enforcement  
25 should be in a classroom, not a courtroom. "We have seen a lot of  
26 things that have affected them, bullying, cyberbullying, gangs,  
27 violence, drugs, and we want to talk to them so they can see what  
28 the consequences of the decisions they make today can be for  
29 them," Davis said. "We also want to show them what positive  
30 effect education and employment can have on their lives." Davis  
31 has given the presentation around the state, and he can see in the  
32 reactions of his young audiences that they are already facing a  
33 lot of the challenges the LEAD Campaign targets. "That is why it  
34 is important to go ahead and give them the educational tools they  
35 need to feel good about making the right decisions. Prevention is  
36 a major part of enforcement," he said; and

37 WHEREAS, Honorable Gregory Davis was a leader and mentor in  
38 The Mississippi Bar, consistently following the standards of the  
39 practice, including ethics, integrity, civility, courtesy, and  
40 adherence to the Golden Rule. His contributions to the federal  
41 court system have honored both The Mississippi Bar and this great  
42 state that Gregory Davis has served:



43           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
44 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize the distinguished  
45 prosecutorial service of United States Attorney for the Southern  
46 District of Mississippi Gregory K. Davis who was the first  
47 African-American attorney to serve in this post, and extending our  
48 best wishes to Gregory and his family for success as he enters the  
49 next chapter of his career.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
51 Gregory Davis, forwarded to the Administrator of Courts for the  
52 Southern District of Mississippi and The Mississippi Bar, and made  
53 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

