

By: Senator(s) Simmons (12th), Jackson
(11th), Jackson (32nd), Blount, Frazier,
Norwood, Witherspoon, Horhn, Butler, Jordan,
Turner-Ford, Dawkins, Dearing

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 655

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CATHY L. NORTINGTON AS
2 THE NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE MISSISSIPPI ECONOMIC
3 COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE STATEWIDE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

4 WHEREAS, Cathy L. Northington has been named Chief Operating
5 Officer of the Mississippi Economic Council (MEC), the State
6 Chamber of Commerce. She previously served as Senior Vice
7 President and Chief Administrative Officer; and

8 WHEREAS, Northington began at MEC more than a decade ago as a
9 part-time employee and has continued to work her way up, managing
10 a variety of key projects and programs. Since 2007, she has
11 directed Leadership Mississippi, the nation's second-oldest
12 leadership program. She has also managed MEC's three major
13 meetings: the MEC Annual Meeting, Hobnob Mississippi and MEC
14 Capital Day, each with an attendance of over 1,500 business and
15 community leaders and elected officials; and

16 WHEREAS, "Cathy is an invaluable asset to our team and has
17 excelled in helping ensure MEC serves as the voice of business in
18 Mississippi," said Scott Waller, President and CEO of MEC. "Cathy



19 is a true success story. I look forward to seeing what she will
20 accomplish in her new leadership role and the positive impact it
21 will have on our organization and the State of Mississippi"; and

22 WHEREAS, the Jackson native studied marketing at Mississippi
23 College and enjoys giving back to the community through her
24 volunteer work as a member of the Junior League of Jackson and
25 American Heart Association's Circle of Red. A mother of three,
26 Northington is also a member of the Madison Ridgeland Rotary Club
27 and a board member of Rural Education and Leadership (R.E.A.L.)
28 Christian Foundation; and

29 WHEREAS, Northington has been chosen as the *Our Mississippi*
30 *Magazine* "2018 Business Woman of the Year." She was named the
31 "2017 Young, Gifted and Empowered Leader of the Year," was a 2012
32 recipient of the *Mississippi Business Journal* "Top 40 Under 40"
33 Award, and was a member of the *Mississippi Business Journal* "50
34 Leading Business Women in Mississippi" for 2014; and

35 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Economic Council has been the voice
36 of Mississippi business since 1949, dealing with broad issues that
37 relate to businesses through Advocacy, Research, Resources and
38 Leadership. An independent, statewide organization, MEC consists
39 of more than 11,000 business and professional leaders from 1,100
40 member firms throughout Mississippi. Focused on the future, the
41 MEC offers Leadership Mississippi, which is one of the most
42 prestigious leadership training programs available; and



43 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we commend this positive
44 addition to the statewide business community:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
47 we do hereby recognize Cathy L. Northington as the new Chief
48 Operating Officer of the Mississippi Economic Council representing
49 the statewide business community, and extend the best wishes of
50 the Legislature on this appointment.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
52 Cathy Northington, forwarded to the Mississippi Economic Council
53 Board of Directors, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

