

By: Senator(s) Tollison, Dearing, Kirby, Barnett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Blount, Caughman, Clarke, Jackson (11th), Jackson (15th), Jackson (32nd), Jordan, Massey, McMahan, Parker, Seymour, Witherspoon

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND RECOGNIZE DISTRICT 33 STATE  
2 SENATOR VIDET CARMICHAEL FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, District 33 State Senator Videt Carmichael has  
5 announced that he will not be seeking reelection. He has  
6 represented Senate District 33, which includes portions of Clarke  
7 and Lauderdale Counties, for 20 years. In Videt Carmichael, the  
8 citizens of District 33 have had effective representation from a  
9 dedicated public servant with business and school district  
10 experience; and

11 WHEREAS, first elected to office in 1999, Senator Carmichael  
12 served in the Mississippi Senate for five terms. Proud of his  
13 accomplishments in the Legislature, Videt Carmichael said he has  
14 always enjoyed working in the Senate and will miss it when he  
15 finishes this year; and

16 WHEREAS, Videt's education includes Clarkdale High School and  
17 Mississippi State University, where he earned his Bachelor of  
18 Science Degree and Master's Degree in Education. Senator



19 Carmichael is a former Teacher, Coach, Principal and a member of  
20 New Hope Baptist Church. He was born in Meridian on February 26,  
21 1950, and is married to the former Donna Smith. They have two  
22 children and six grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, at the beginning of the 2015 Regular Session, Videt  
24 served on the following committees: Insurance, Chair; Investigate  
25 State Offices, Vice-Chair; Appropriations; Business and Financial  
26 Institutions; Corrections; Energy; and Ports and Marine Resources;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Senator Carmichael's tenure in the Legislature made  
29 him an expert in many areas of Mississippi government and he was  
30 particularly knowledgeable in the details of school district  
31 administration and education finance. As Chairman of the  
32 Education Committee, he was responsible for handling legislation  
33 relating to school accreditation and conservatorship. As Chairman  
34 of Veterans and Military Affairs, he arranged for the committee to  
35 fly by Black Hawk Helicopter to tour the Gulfport Air National  
36 Guard Base. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Arts  
37 and Entertainment Center in Meridian, Mississippi; and

38 WHEREAS, Senator Carmichael is a talented bluegrass musician  
39 and often entertained fellow Senators, senate staff and lobbyists  
40 by singing and playing the mandolin; and

41 WHEREAS, Senator Carmichael's service has been marked by his  
42 commitment to success and recognized leadership, sound judgment,  
43 civility, courtesy and fairness. He has set the highest standard



44 in all of his many roles: husband, father, businessman, bluegrass  
45 musician, statesman, community leader, leader in the Mississippi  
46 Senate, and as a true friend. Videt's service honored both the  
47 Mississippi Senate and this great state that he loved and served:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and recognize District 33  
50 State Senator Videt Carmichael for his distinguished service in  
51 the Mississippi Senate.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
53 Senator Videt Carmichael and made available to the Capitol Press  
54 Corps.

