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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND RECOGNIZE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE  
2 LIZ WELCH FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE.

3 WHEREAS, Liz Welch began serving as Secretary of the Senate  
4 in 2012 when she was nominated and elected to a four-year term by  
5 the members of the Senate to this important official position.  
6 Liz was elected as Secretary of the Senate to a second four-year  
7 term in 2016, indicating the confidence in which she was regarded  
8 by the Senate. In Liz Welch the citizens of Mississippi have had  
9 effective representation from a dedicated public servant with  
10 financial and public policy experience; and

11 WHEREAS, Liz Welch's previous public service and financial  
12 experience included serving as Bond Advisory Counsel and Deputy  
13 State Treasurer under State Treasurer Marshall Bennett, State  
14 Treasurer Peyton Prospere and State Treasurer Tate Reeves from  
15 2004-2012, where she was able to bring her valuable fiscal and  
16 budget experience to the operation of the Mississippi Senate; and

17 WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Senate is an official officer  
18 of the Mississippi Legislature established under Section 5-1-15,



19 who is elected at the beginning of each term by majority vote of  
20 the Senate. Under Senate Rule 12 the Secretary of the Senate is  
21 charged with the responsibility of keeping the official Journal of  
22 the proceedings of the Mississippi Senate which is required by law  
23 as evidence of the passage of statutes and acts of the  
24 Legislature. The Journal of the Senate is recorded daily and  
25 transcribed and later printed by an experienced staff of  
26 individuals familiar with the process, and the Secretary of the  
27 Senate serves as supervisor of this process. The Secretary of the  
28 Senate also serves the Senate Rules Committee as the Chief  
29 Administrative Officer of the Senate handling the employment and  
30 personnel matters of all Senate employees pursuant to the  
31 direction of the Rules Committee, which includes the  
32 organizational structure of the Senate Docket Room, the Committee  
33 Assistant system, the Office of Senate Legislative Services  
34 (attorneys) and the Senate maintenance crew. The Secretary of the  
35 Senate must interact with the Department of Finance and  
36 Administration regarding building, Capitol grounds, security,  
37 archives and law enforcement issues on a daily basis. The Office  
38 of Secretary of the Senate is an extremely responsible position  
39 and Liz Welch is to be commended for serving this role in a  
40 professional and effective manner; and

41 WHEREAS, Liz Welch was born in West, Mississippi, and is a  
42 resident of Madison. Liz' mother is former Representative and  
43 Mayor Mary Ann Stevens, who continues to support efforts to



44 maintain the New Capitol Building and its grounds. Liz and Mary  
45 Ann have been involved in the master plan to restore and  
46 revitalize the grounds and driveway of the New Capitol Building to  
47 maintain this beautiful and historic structure; and

48 WHEREAS, Liz graduated from the University of Mississippi and  
49 the Mississippi College School of Law and she remains a dedicated  
50 fan of the Ole Miss Rebels. She is a member of the Chapel of the  
51 Cross Episcopal Church in Madison. Liz Welch and her husband,  
52 Paul, have one child, Matthew Majure; and

53 WHEREAS, Liz has gained a considerable practical knowledge  
54 about how the Mississippi Legislature functions, and has been  
55 involved in an immersive University of Mississippi Political  
56 Science course aimed at preparing future State Legislators and  
57 Public Agency Directors. Liz has offered participants an  
58 opportunity to expand their understanding and deepen their  
59 appreciation of the state legislative process. In January 2019,  
60 Liz Welch was named one of the Annual Mississippi Top 50 Winners  
61 in the Elected and Appointed Officials category, which recognizes  
62 the Top 50 Most Influential Mississippians in the areas of  
63 government service, lobbying and government relations and  
64 business, media and culture. Liz was most deserving of this  
65 award; and

66 WHEREAS, Liz Welch's service has been marked by her  
67 commitment to success and recognized leadership, sound judgment,  
68 civility, courtesy and fairness. She has set the highest standard



69 in all of her many roles: mother, businesswoman, fiscal leader,  
70 community leader and leader in the Mississippi Senate, and as a  
71 true friend. Liz's service honored both the Mississippi Senate  
72 and this great state that she loved and served:

73 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
74 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and recognize Secretary of  
75 the Senate Liz Welch for her distinguished service in the  
76 Mississippi Senate.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
78 Secretary of the Senate Liz Welch and made available to the  
79 Capitol Press Corps.

