

By: Senator(s) Caughman, Seymour

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE OF MR.
2 STEVEN ALLEN, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMATIC SERVICES
3 FOR THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THANKING HIM
4 FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
5 PROGRAMS IN OUR STATE.

6 WHEREAS, we join the administrators and staff of the
7 Mississippi Department of Mental Health in honoring the career and
8 contributions of Mr. Steven Allen; and

9 WHEREAS, Steven Allen was named Deputy Executive Director of
10 Programmatic Services of the Mississippi Department of Mental
11 Health in January 2017. He started with the agency in 1989 at
12 East Mississippi State Hospital. In 1993, he transferred to
13 Boswell Regional Center, where he worked in a variety of roles,
14 including Assistant Director from 2005 to 2012. He was named
15 Director of that program in 2012. He held a wide variety of
16 positions at Boswell Regional Center, and under his leadership
17 Boswell implemented and expanded a system that provides
18 person-centered service; and



19 WHEREAS, he collaborated with others to redesign Boswell
20 Regional Center to offer specialized treatment options for
21 Mississippians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
22 Under his leadership, Boswell implemented and expanded a
23 cost-effective and sustainable system that provides the highest
24 levels of inclusionary service. Under his leadership, the Boswell
25 Regional Center campus population and the Community Residential
26 Program's population increased. It was under Mr. Allen's
27 direction, leadership and ability that these individuals are
28 achieving their dreams of their own home; and

29 WHEREAS, Steven truly believes people with
30 intellectual/developmental disabilities deserve the total support,
31 recognition and acceptance of all citizens of the State of
32 Mississippi; and

33 WHEREAS, throughout his career, he has supported
34 opportunities for people with intellectual/developmental
35 disabilities in our state that include full access to education,
36 housing, employment and recreation. He has worked to help people
37 with intellectual/developmental disabilities enjoy, participate in
38 and share the same benefits, privileges and protection afforded
39 all citizens of our state and nation; and

40 WHEREAS, over his years of service, Mr. Allen has been the
41 recipient of the James W. Park Academic Achievement Award from
42 Belhaven College, is a graduate of the John C. Stennis Institute
43 of Government and a graduate of the Simpson County Leadership



44 Program. He was also the recipient of the Paul D. Cotton
45 Leadership Award. He has earned a license as a Mental Health
46 Administrator, a Nursing Home Administrator and is a Certified
47 Public Manager. He has been a member of the American Association
48 of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities since 1993; and

49 WHEREAS, especially unique to Mr. Allen is his gift of
50 motivating, directing and inspiring his staff members to not only
51 succeed in, but also to advance his vision of excellence in
52 service provision; and

53 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we commend a career of
54 service to disabled citizens that has brought distinction to the
55 Department of Mental Health and to the State of Mississippi:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
57 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize the dedicated public
58 service of Mr. Steven Allen, Deputy Executive Director of
59 Programmatic Services for the Mississippi Department of Mental
60 Health, and thank him for his contributions to
61 intellectual/development disabilities programs in our state.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
63 Mr. Steven Allen, forwarded to the State Board of Mental Health,
64 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

