

By: Senator(s) Branning, Simmons (13th),
Barnett, Butler (38th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

1 A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE PAT THOMASSON, CEO OF THOMASSON
2 COMPANY IN PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE FIRST FEMALE CHAIR OF
3 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSISSIPPI MANUFACTURERS
4 ASSOCIATION AND COMMEND HER BUSINESS AND CIVIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

5 WHEREAS, we join the membership of the Mississippi
6 Manufacturers Association and the citizens of Central Mississippi
7 in honoring the business and civic accomplishments of a respected
8 businesswoman. Pat Thomasson, CEO of Thomasson Company in
9 Philadelphia, Mississippi, has been selected as the first female
10 Chair of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Manufacturers
11 Association (MMA); and

12 WHEREAS, Pat Thomasson, a native of Philadelphia,
13 Mississippi, has undergraduate and graduate degrees from the
14 University of Mississippi in accounting. Upon leaving Ole Miss,
15 she accepted a position with Arthur Anderson in New Orleans. In
16 1988, she was licensed by the State of Mississippi as a Certified
17 Public Accountant; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1989, Pat returned to her home state to work as a
19 Senior Securities Analyst for the Mississippi Secretary of State's



20 Office Securities Division. She established their first auditing
21 program and analyzed the financial records in securities fraud and
22 embezzlement cases. During the course of her employment, Pat
23 testified in state and federal courts and conducted numerous
24 audits. Pat also served on the North American Securities
25 Administrators Association Uniform Examination Committee, helping
26 to write and monitor examinations taken by financial advisors and
27 stockbrokers. In 1993, she was certified as a Fraud Examiner; and

28 WHEREAS, in 1996, at the request of her family, Pat returned
29 to Philadelphia, Mississippi, to work in the family business. Pat
30 has worn many different hats in Thomasson Company. She currently
31 serves as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board and
32 held both of these positions before the passing of her father in
33 2008; and

34 WHEREAS, under Pat's leadership, Thomasson Company was
35 awarded the 2012 Governor's Cup Award for Small Business, the 2016
36 Oncor Omnis Supplier Award, and was recognized as a Vistra Energy
37 Supplier Diversity Gold Star Supplier. Pat is a recent recipient
38 of the 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Women's Business
39 Enterprise Council South and was named 2014 Business Woman of the
40 Year by *Mississippi Business Journal*. In 2015, Thomasson Company
41 received the Neshoba County Large Business of the Year Award, and
42 Pat received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Neshoba
43 County Literacy Council; and



44 WHEREAS, Pat is currently President of the Mississippi Lumber
45 Manufacturers Association, Vice President of the Board of
46 Directors of the Marty Stuart Center for Country Music, and Board
47 of Directors Chair for the Mississippi Manufacturers Association,
48 a member of Mississippi Economic Council and the M.B. Swayze
49 Foundation. Pat is the past President of several organizations,
50 including the Community Foundation of East Mississippi and the
51 Philadelphia Rotary Club. She is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow;
52 Past Honorary Chairman of the American Cancer Society Relay for
53 Life; member of the University of Mississippi 1848 Society and
54 Loyalty Foundation; graduate of Mississippi Economic Council's
55 Leadership Mississippi; and past Treasurer and Board Member of the
56 Business and Industry Political Education Committee; and

57 WHEREAS, Pat is involved with several other business and
58 philanthropic organizations, and it is with great pride that we
59 acknowledge the contributions of an outstanding Mississippi
60 citizen to her community and to the State of Mississippi:

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
62 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize Pat Thomasson, CEO of
63 Thomasson Company in Philadelphia, Mississippi, as the first
64 female Chair of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi
65 Manufacturers Association and commend her business and civic
66 achievements.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
68 Pat Thomasson and her family, forwarded to the Board of Directors



69 of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association, and made available
70 to the Capitol Press Corps.

