

By: Senator(s) England, Jackson, Wiggins,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE RECOGNITION AND COMMENDATION OF
2 THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE TO 16-YEAR-OLD CORION EVANS FROM MOSS
3 POINT, MISSISSIPPI, FOR HIS EXTREME BRAVERY IN RESCUING FOUR
4 PEOPLE FROM DROWNING IN A SERIOUS CAR ACCIDENT ON JULY 3, 2022.

5 WHEREAS, Corion Evans, a sixteen-year-old from Moss Point,
6 Mississippi, is being hailed as both a state and national hero
7 after he rescued four people from drowning on July 3, 2022; and

8 WHEREAS, at 2:30 a.m. a car, which had three teenage girls
9 inside, was accidentally driven off of a boat launch and plunged
10 into the dark, alligator-infested waters of the Pascagoula River;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, without a thought for his own safety, Evans dove
13 into the water and began rescuing the young women one at a time.
14 Afterwards, Evans explained that he thought of nothing but getting
15 the victims to shore and was determined not to let anyone die that
16 night; and

17 WHEREAS, Evans not only saved the young women, he also saved
18 the life of Police Officer Garry Mercer, who had responded to the



19 scene. Dragged underwater by a panicked victim, Mercer began
20 drowning himself, but was brought safely to shore by Evans; and

21 WHEREAS, Moss Point Police Chief Brandon Ashley commended
22 Evans for the "bravery and selflessness he displayed by risking
23 his own safety to help people in danger"; and

24 WHEREAS, Evans was awarded certificates of commendation from
25 the city. Mayor Billy Knight of Moss Point declared: "We are
26 proud of the young man for having the courage to forget about
27 himself and jump into the water. It's not often enough that you
28 see people put others above themselves"; and

29 WHEREAS, Corion Evans serves as a reminder of the heroic,
30 selfless individuals who reside in Mississippi. He has honored
31 his fellow citizens with the pride and prestige he has brought to
32 our state:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
34 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the recognition and
35 commendation of the Mississippi Senate to 16-year-old Corion Evans
36 from Moss Point, Mississippi, for his extreme bravery in rescuing
37 four people from drowning in a serious car accident on July 3,
38 2022, and extend our sincerest wishes for success in his future
39 endeavors.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
41 Corion Evans and his family, forwarded to the Mayor and Board of
42 Aldermen of Moss Point and made available to the Capitol Press
43 Corps.

