

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Frazier, DeBar,
Parker, Michel, Butler (38th), Blackwell,
England

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND RECOGNIZE DISTRICT 35 STATE
2 SENATOR CHRIS CAUGHMAN FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE
3 MISSISSIPPI SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, District 35 State Senator Chris Caughman has
5 announced that he will not be seeking reelection to the
6 Mississippi Senate. He has represented Senate District 35, which
7 includes portions of Copiah, Rankin and Simpson Counties, for
8 eight years. In Chris Caughman, the citizens of District 35 have
9 had effective representation from a dedicated public servant with
10 extensive experience as a bank Vice President from Mendenhall,
11 Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, first elected to office in 2015, Senator Caughman
13 served in the Mississippi Senate for two terms. Proud of his
14 accomplishments in the Legislature, Chris Caughman said he has
15 always enjoyed working in the Senate and will miss it when he
16 finishes this year; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Caughman was educated at Simpson Academy in
18 Mendenhall, the Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson,



19 Mississippi, and Belhaven University, a Christian liberal arts
20 institution in Jackson from which he received a Bachelor of Arts
21 degree in History in 1989. He is also a graduate of the
22 University of Mississippi School of Banking at Oxford and the LSU
23 Graduate School of Banking. A former teacher and basketball
24 coach, he is the Senior Vice President of People's Bank in
25 Mendenhall; and

26 WHEREAS, Chris has served his community on many boards and
27 leadership organizations over the last 20 years. He has served as
28 President of the Magee Lions Club, President of the Simpson County
29 Academy School Board, President of the Mendenhall Chamber of
30 Commerce, and also President of the Simpson County Economic
31 Foundation Board. Chris has also served on the Magee Chamber of
32 Commerce Board, the Simpson County YMCA Board, and the Simpson
33 County Ducks Unlimited Committee. He still serves on the Simpson
34 County Youth Leadership Executive Committee and the Copiah-Lincoln
35 Community College Foundation Board; and

36 WHEREAS, Senator Caughman has stated that our state is headed
37 in the right direction. We have conservative leaders in important
38 positions of state government and they have done an outstanding
39 job of balancing our state budget and putting away dollars in a
40 rainy day fund. His four conservative principles are: smaller
41 and less intrusive government; less regulation in the private
42 sector; lower or stable taxes; and individual freedom and
43 responsibility; and



44 WHEREAS, Senator Caughman is married to Melissa Hilton and
45 they have three children: Cade, Abby and Bryce; and

46 WHEREAS, at the beginning of the 2023 Regular Session, Chris
47 Caughman served on the following committees: Business and
48 Financial Institutions, Chair; Environmental Protection,
49 Conversation and Water Resources, Vice-Chair; Agriculture; County
50 Affairs; Finance; Forestry; Public Health and Welfare;
51 Universities and Colleges; and Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; and

52 WHEREAS, Senator Caughman's service has been marked by his
53 commitment to success and recognized leadership, sound judgment,
54 civility, courtesy and fairness. He has set the highest standard
55 in all of his many roles: husband, father, banker, statesman,
56 community leader, leader in the Mississippi Senate, and as a true
57 friend. Chris' service honored both the Mississippi Senate and
58 this great state that he loves and serves:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
60 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and recognize District 35
61 State Senator Chris Caughman for his distinguished service in the
62 Mississippi Senate.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
64 Senator Chris Caughman and made available to the Capitol Press
65 Corps.

