

By: Senator(s) Sparks, Hopson, Bryan,  
Turner-Ford, Simmons (12th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE COMMENDATION AND THANKS OF THE  
2 MISSISSIPPI SENATE TO MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL COLONEL RANDY C.  
3 GINN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FOLLOWING 36 YEARS OF  
4 OUTSTANDING AND EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, longtime Mississippi Highway Patrol Division Leader  
6 Colonel Randy C. Ginn informed over 1,000 sworn-in officers as  
7 well as state lawmakers that he would be retiring during the  
8 Department of Public Safety's first-ever "All DPS" general  
9 assembly held November 30, 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, at this assembly, Colonel Randy C. Ginn announced  
11 his retirement after 36 years of service to the state and citizens  
12 of Mississippi, effective January 31, 2024; and

13 WHEREAS, after finishing his studies at Ole Miss, Colonel  
14 Ginn went on to graduate in Cadet Class #45 on December 18, 1987.  
15 He would go on to become a graduate of the 43rd Session of the FBI  
16 Academy National Executive Institute and of the 234th Session of  
17 the FBI National Academy; and

18 WHEREAS, Colonel Ginn has risen through the ranks and held  
19 many prestigious titles. He served as Captain and Executive



20 Officer for Troop G in Starkville from 2009-2013 and Northern  
21 Region Major from 2013-2016. He was named as the Lieutenant  
22 Colonel and Deputy Director as Chief of the Uniformed Division on  
23 February 1, 2016, before being named Colonel and Director of the  
24 Mississippi Highway Patrol and Assistant Commissioner of the  
25 Department of Public Safety on July 1, 2020. Colonel Ginn has  
26 also served as the Director of ECITE, Major of Central Region  
27 Enforcement, and Special Agent and Supervisory Special Agent for  
28 the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation; and

29 WHEREAS, Colonel Ginn is also the recipient of well-deserved  
30 accolades. He was named "Troop G Trooper of the Year" in 1990 and  
31 "Mississippi Bureau of Investigation Trooper of the Year" in 2001;  
32 and

33 WHEREAS, Governor Tate Reeves said, "I want to thank Colonel  
34 Ginn for his lifetime of service to Mississippi. His commitment  
35 to protecting this great state and its residents is deserving of  
36 recognition and commendation by all"; and

37 WHEREAS, Colonel Randy C. Ginn stated, "It has been a  
38 blessing and an honor to spend my career with this great agency.  
39 I have been privileged to work with the finest professional law  
40 enforcement officers in this state. The opportunities that exist  
41 for the men and women of the Mississippi Highway Patrol far exceed  
42 anything that could have been imagined when I began"; and

43 WHEREAS, Commissioner Sean Tindell thanked Colonel Ginn for  
44 his selfless service to the men and women of Mississippi, the



45 Department of Public Safety, the Mississippi Highway Patrol, and  
46 our great state. "Colonel Ginn has spent the entirety of his  
47 career making Mississippi a safer place. It has been an honor  
48 working with him throughout the years," said Commissioner Tindell;  
49 and

50 WHEREAS, Charles Haynes will be Colonel effective January 1,  
51 2024. This general assembly was the first of its nature in the  
52 history of this state agency. Commissioner Tindell's address to  
53 the officers emphasized the importance of working together and  
54 moving forward to improve public safety in Mississippi, and he was  
55 quoted saying, "DPS can only be its best when each of you are at  
56 your best"; and

57 WHEREAS, we can never repay our debt to law enforcement  
58 officers and their families, but we must do what we can, with all  
59 that we have, to live our lives in a way that pays tribute to  
60 their service, and in honor of the legacy of Colonel Randy Ginn  
61 those of us who are privileged to serve in the Legislature should  
62 strive to support veteran law enforcement by providing resources  
63 they need to do their jobs:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
65 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the commendation and thanks  
66 of the Mississippi Senate to Mississippi Highway Patrol Colonel  
67 Randy C. Ginn on the occasion of his retirement following 36 years  
68 of outstanding and effective law enforcement service.



69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
70 MHP Colonel Randy C. Ginn (retired) and his wife, Rhonda Ginn;  
71 son, Andrew Ginn (Sadie); daughter, Jordon McCoy (Logan); and  
72 grandchildren: Shepherd, Greta and Laney; forwarded to the  
73 Department of Public Safety Commissioner Sean Tindell and Governor  
74 Tate Reeves; and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

