

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Michel, Barnett,
Hopson, Sparks

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE RECOGNITION OF THE MISSISSIPPI
2 SENATE TO HONORABLE MARK HAIRE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
3 FROM HIS LONG TENURE AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR THE MISSISSIPPI
4 INSURANCE DEPARTMENT AND COMMENDING HIS CAREER OF EFFECTIVE PUBLIC
5 SERVICE.

6 WHEREAS, we join the Mississippi Insurance Department and the
7 insurance industry in honoring longtime Deputy Insurance
8 Commissioner Mark Haire on the occasion of his retirement; and

9 WHEREAS, Mark Haire, General Counsel for the Mississippi
10 Insurance Department (MID), was named Deputy Commissioner by
11 Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney on July 1, 2009. From
12 1992-1997, Mark served as Staff Counsel at Blue Cross Blue Shield
13 of Mississippi, and returned to MID as a Special Assistant
14 Attorney General in 1997. He was named General Counsel of MID in
15 2001, and served as Acting Deputy Commissioner since January of
16 2009; and

17 WHEREAS, Mark Haire, a Mississippi native, is a graduate of
18 Mississippi College and Mississippi College School of Law. He
19 began his legal career as law clerk for the firm of Kitchens and



20 Pickard and practiced in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, before joining
21 MID as a Staff Attorney in 1987; and

22 WHEREAS, in his role as Staff Attorney and General Counsel,
23 Haire provided effective legal advice and assistance to all
24 divisions and units within MID. In his role as Deputy
25 Commissioner, he supervised all divisions of MID. The Deputy
26 Commissioner supervises all insurers the Commissioner has placed
27 into rehabilitation or liquidation. The Deputy is charged with
28 working with the Legislature on all legislative issues, including
29 budgeting and proposed new legislation; and

30 WHEREAS, pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 83-1-7, the
31 Deputy Commissioner has the power to act as Commissioner during
32 any absence, and Mark fulfilled his duties with professionalism;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, his years of experience with MID made Mark Haire a
35 solid choice to serve as Deputy Commissioner, and we recognize and
36 give thanks for the legacy of a dedicated public servant in
37 shaping the regulatory framework for the insurance industry in the
38 State of Mississippi and express our admiration, respect and
39 deepest gratitude for his service:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
41 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the recognition of the
42 Mississippi Senate to Honorable Mark Haire on the occasion of his
43 retirement from his long tenure as Deputy Commissioner for the



44 Mississippi Insurance Department and commend his career of
45 effective public service.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
47 Honorable Mark Haire and his family, forwarded to Mississippi
48 Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney, and be made available to the
49 Capitol Press Corps.

