

By: Senator(s) Parker, Blackwell, McLendon,  
England, Sparks

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 63

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SOUTHAVEN,  
2 MISSISSIPPI, AUTOMOBILE DEALER JEFF FIELD UPON HIS NOMINATION FOR  
3 THE PRESTIGIOUS 2024 *TIME* "DEALER OF THE YEAR" AWARD RECOGNIZING  
4 HIS COMMUNITY SERVICE AND INDUSTRY ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

5 WHEREAS, the nomination of Jeff Field, Chief Operating  
6 Officer of the Landers Auto Group in Southaven, Mississippi, for  
7 the 2024 *TIME* "Dealer of the Year" award was announced on October  
8 18, 2023, by *TIME*; and

9 WHEREAS, Field is one of a select group of 48 dealer nominees  
10 from across the country who were honored at the 107th Annual  
11 National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Show in Las Vegas  
12 on February 3, 2024; and

13 WHEREAS, the *TIME* "Dealer of the Year" award is among the  
14 automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted honors.  
15 Recipients are among the nation's most successful auto dealers who  
16 also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service.  
17 Field was chosen to represent the Mississippi Automobile Dealers  
18 Association in the National Competition - one of only 48 auto



19 dealers nominated for the 55th annual award from more than 16,000  
20 nationwide; and

21 WHEREAS, Field started his automotive career in sales at  
22 Mitchell Motors in Pensacola, Florida, in 1987, and became Finance  
23 Manager; and

24 WHEREAS, Field became General Manager of dealerships owned by  
25 the Penske Automotive Group in Memphis, Tennessee, and Southaven,  
26 Mississippi; and

27 WHEREAS, Field partnered with Kent Ritchey to purchase 10  
28 dealerships in Mississippi and Tennessee; and

29 WHEREAS, Field is an active member of the Mississippi  
30 Automobile Dealers Association and has served in several  
31 leadership positions, including Chair in 2023, Vice Chair in 2022  
32 and Secretary in 2021. Under his leadership, this organization  
33 has been successful in promoting, advancing and protecting  
34 Mississippi's franchised automobile dealers; and

35 WHEREAS, Field is focused on creating and fostering business  
36 opportunities in his region. He is a member of the Southaven  
37 Chamber of Commerce and served as Board Chair from 2017 to 2019.  
38 He also supports the Mississippi Economic Council, and his  
39 dealership is a sponsor of the group's Hobnob Mississippi event;  
40 and

41 WHEREAS, Field is proud to host DeSoto County first  
42 responders at Landers Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram each year on  
43 September 11 during his company's First Responders Appreciation



44 Lunch. He also sponsors the Affordable Christmas Program of  
45 Trinity Baptist Church in Southaven, which supplies gifts for  
46 children in need; and

47 WHEREAS, dealers are nominated by the executives of state and  
48 metro dealer associations around the country. Nominees are also  
49 recognized on AllyDealerHeroes.com, which highlights the  
50 philanthropic contributions and achievements of *TIME* "Dealer of  
51 the Year" nominees; and

52 WHEREAS, Field was nominated for the *TIME* "Dealer of the  
53 Year" award by the Mississippi Automobile Dealers Association, and  
54 it is with great pride that we join the automobile industry in  
55 recognizing this Mississippi businessman who has brought honor to  
56 his family, his business, his community and to the State of  
57 Mississippi:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
59 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Southaven,  
60 Mississippi, Automobile Dealer Jeff Field, upon his nomination for  
61 the prestigious 2024 *TIME* "Dealer of the Year" award recognizing  
62 his community service and industry accomplishments.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
64 Jeff Field, forwarded to the Mississippi Automobile Dealers  
65 Association and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

