

By: Senator(s) Parker, England, Sparks

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 64

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE OF
2 MR. RYAN MILLER AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE
3 DEVELOPMENT (ACCELERATEMS).

4 WHEREAS, since April 2021, the State of Mississippi's
5 workforce has been on a trajectory of success in the creation of
6 innovative workforce development strategy and implementation,
7 under the astute leadership and refined expertise of Mr. Ryan
8 Miller, who was appointed by the State Workforce Investment
9 Board's (SWIB) Executive Committee as the first Executive Director
10 of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS); and

11 WHEREAS, a native Mississippian and strong operations
12 professional, Mr. Miller, who holds an undergraduate degree in
13 International Studies from the Croft Institute for International
14 Studies and a law degree from the University of Mississippi, will
15 relinquish the reins as the Executive Director of AccelerateMS,
16 the state's brainchild responsible for enhancing and cultivating
17 workforce opportunities, to assume the post as CEO of the
18 Oxford-Lafayette Economic Development Foundation; and



19 WHEREAS, immediately prior to his appointment to steer
20 AccelerateMS, Ryan had devoted 13 years within the Haley Barbour
21 Center for Manufacturing Excellence (CME), preparing students for
22 successful careers in Mississippi's advanced industries by
23 building working coalitions with the state community college
24 system, state and federal legislative delegations and economic
25 development agencies as he positioned the CME to increase its
26 service to industry and students; and

27 WHEREAS, once at the helm of AccelerateMS, Mr. Miller
28 immediately went to work assembling a team of highly skilled
29 professionals who shared his vision and passion of moving the
30 economic needle for Mississippi's communities and households by
31 directing more Mississippians into higher-paying opportunities and
32 training more people to meet the workforce demands of businesses
33 in the 21st century; and

34 WHEREAS, under his direction, AccelerateMS has endeavored to
35 steadily strive toward accomplishing its vision of boasting a
36 world-class workforce with unlimited, quality career opportunities
37 to create sustained individual, community and statewide economic
38 prosperity through the fulfillment of its mission to serve the
39 people and businesses of Mississippi by developing and deploying
40 workforce strategies by leveraging resources and partnering with
41 organizations that hold complementary missions; and

42 WHEREAS, through its highly devised ecosystem approach to
43 developing and improving strategies that meet the unique needs of



44 specific regions within the state, Mr. Miller's background in
45 workforce development, project management and organization
46 building has allowed him to champion program initiatives within
47 the agency which seek to maximize proven practices delivered at
48 local "micro" levels, while addressing "macro" concerns of the
49 state's workforce community; and

50 WHEREAS, we are eternally grateful for the exceptional
51 leadership and service he has provided to the State of Mississippi
52 as its ambassador for workforce advancement, and remain confident
53 of our continued working relationship with him as he undertakes
54 the next chapter of improving workforce opportunities for the
55 citizens of Lafayette County, who are gaining an extraordinary
56 individual to transform the landscape of the community's economic
57 development, along with his wife, Erin F. Miller, and their
58 children, Shirley Cate, Grace and Max; and

59 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we acknowledge the
60 exemplary leadership, service and contributions of this executive,
61 whose professional commitment is a driving force behind the
62 state's economic prosperity and revitalizing of its image as a
63 premier destination for business entities to establish their place
64 of operation:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
66 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the distinguished public
67 service of Mr. Ryan Miller as Executive Director of the Office of
68 Workforce Development (AccelerateMS), express our gratitude for



69 the great strides made to advance Mississippi's presence known on
70 the world stage, not only as a competitor, but as a leader in
71 workforce development strategies, and extend best wishes for
72 continued success in a new endeavor as CEO of the Oxford-Lafayette
73 Economic Development Foundation.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
75 Mr. Ryan Miller, forwarded to the Governor, and made available to
76 the Capitol Press Corps.

