

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.

