

By: White (29th)

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF THE  
2 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL SECRETARIES (NALS) AS IT HOSTS THE  
3 REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON THE  
4 MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST.

5 WHEREAS, NALS, Inc., (formerly known as National Association  
6 of Legal Secretaries) has been providing high quality education,  
7 certification and networking for legal support staff throughout  
8 the United States since 1929; NALS is a nonprofit, nonunion  
9 professional association with a membership of over 6,000 people in  
10 the United States and Canada; membership is not limited to legal  
11 secretaries, but is made up of people engaged in work of a legal  
12 nature such as attorneys, law office administrators, paralegals,  
13 court reporters, court clerks, trust departments, governmental  
14 offices, etc. Members support and abide by the Code of  
15 Professional Responsibility of The American Bar Association as  
16 well as the NALS Code of Ethics; and

17 WHEREAS, members benefit from local, state, regional and  
18 national programs that enhance not only the members, but also  
19 their law firm, corporation or government office. Their careers  
20 are expanded through the exceptional educational opportunities  
21 available at all levels of the association: continuing legal  
22 education, resource materials, networking opportunities,  
23 professional certification and a commitment to the Code of Ethics  
24 and Professional Standards as set forth by The American Bar  
25 Association; and

26 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Division of NALS, Inc., (formerly  
27 known as the Mississippi Association of Legal Secretaries or

28 (MALS) was organized in 1962. There are chapters in  
29 Greenwood-Greenville, Jackson, Hattiesburg-Laurel, Biloxi-Ocean  
30 Springs and Harrison-Hancock Counties; and

31 WHEREAS, these members are dedicated to assisting in  
32 maintaining the highest level of performance and expertise of the  
33 legal profession; in addition to the many educational and  
34 certification programs offered to their members and individuals in  
35 the legal profession, their association is involved in various  
36 civic projects throughout their local communities; and

37 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Division of NALS, Inc., is hosting  
38 the Third Annual Region 6 Meeting on the Mississippi Gulf Coast  
39 July 14-16, 2000, at The Oasis Resort at the Gulfport Grand  
40 Casino; Region 6 consists of members from Mississippi, Louisiana,  
41 Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas; additionally, members from  
42 Alabama and Georgia are registering for this conference as well  
43 and it appears this meeting will be their region's largest  
44 conference to date; and

45 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we thank legal  
46 secretaries for their important role in the state's judicial  
47 system and recognize this organization as it brings honor to its  
48 members and to the State of Mississippi:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
50 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the Mississippi Division of  
51 the National Association of Legal Secretaries (NALS) as it hosts  
52 the Region 6 Conference of the national organization on the  
53 Mississippi Gulf Coast on July 14-16, 2000, and wish this  
54 exemplary group of citizens continued success in their future  
55 endeavors.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be furnished to  
57 the President of NALS and be made available to the Capitol Press  
58 Corps.