

By: Senator(s) Chaney, King,
Tollison, Chamberlin, White
(29th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 508

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. LARRY MILLER UPON THE
2 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR MISSISSIPPI
3 EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AND EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE
4 LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, Larry Miller has served as Executive Director for
6 Mississippi Educational Television since 1993; and

7 WHEREAS, in addition to a statewide public television
8 network, Mississippi Educational Television also includes Public
9 Radio in Mississippi (PRM) and the Radio Reading Service of
10 Mississippi, which delivers a reading service to blind and
11 print-handicapped persons through subcarrier receivers across the
12 state; and

13 WHEREAS, Mississippi ETV has a tradition of excellence, and
14 through Larry's leadership has continued to make good progress in
15 maximizing the network as an invaluable resource for the state:
16 from expanded local productions and development of the Interactive
17 Video Network in schools across the state to a bevy of regional
18 and national awards--including the only national "Emmy" awarded to
19 a Mississippi station--his achievements have been many.

20 WHEREAS, Larry began his career in broadcasting in 1958 and
21 has held a variety of positions in news and station management; he
22 has served as Director of News and Public Affairs at the
23 University of Texas-Austin Communications Center; General Manager
24 of KOSU-FM at Oklahoma State University; and Station Manager of
25 KOED-TV, Channel 11 in Tulsa; from 1985 to 1993, he served as
26 Deputy Executive Director of South Dakota Public Broadcasting; and

27 WHEREAS, a native of Chadron, Nebraska, Mr. Miller holds a
28 Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Chadron State College and

29 a Master of Science Degree in Journalism from Iowa State
30 University at Ames; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller serves on the boards of several
32 organizations, including the Satellite Educational Resources
33 Consortium, the National Educational Telecommunications
34 Association, the Mississippi Rural Development Council, the
35 Mississippi Council for Education Technology, the Foundation for
36 Public Broadcasting, the International Ballet Competition, and the
37 Governor's Task Force for Classroom Technology; and

38 WHEREAS, a retired Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve, Mr.
39 Miller's hobbies include genealogy, amateur radio and golf; he and
40 his wife, Karen, have two children and two grandchildren; and

41 WHEREAS, Larry's leadership has continued Mississippi ETV's
42 tradition of excellence, and we are especially proud that his
43 guidance has made Mississippi ETV a safe haven for children's
44 television viewing, which is no small achievement in an era when
45 our children are bombarded with a wide range of media choices; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we extend the thanks of
47 the Legislature to Larry for his support of ETV and his
48 consideration and assistance during his tenure:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
51 we do hereby commend Mr. Larry Miller upon the occasion of his
52 retirement as Executive Director of Mississippi Educational
53 Television and extend to him and his family the best wishes of the
54 Legislature as he departs for new opportunities in public
55 television with the Pennsylvania Public Television Network.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 Larry Miller and his family, be forwarded to the Board of Trustees
58 of Mississippi Educational Television, and be made available to
59 the Capitol Press Corps.