

By: Senator(s) Little, Gordon, Burton,
Chaney, Dearing, Frazier, Gollott, Hyde-
Smith, Jackson (11th), Lee (47th), Turner,
White, Wilemon

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 615

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THOMAS EUGENE KYNERD,
2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE, UPON THE
3 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE
4 JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND TO THE MISSISSIPPI
5 LEGISLATURE AND FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF
6 SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF
7 MISSISSIPPI.

8 WHEREAS, Thomas Eugene Kynerd, the Deputy Director of the
9 Legislative Budget Office, has retired from Mississippi state
10 government after 28 years of service; and

11 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd was born on May 16, 1939, in Aberdeen,
12 Mississippi, and is the son of Louise and the late Curtis Kynerd
13 of Raymond, Mississippi; and

14 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd graduated from Hinds High School in
15 Raymond, Mississippi, in 1957 and furthered his education at Hinds
16 Junior College from 1957 to 1959; and

17 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd served in the United States Army
18 Security Agency from 1960 to 1963, at which time he was honorably
19 discharged as a Specialist 4th Class; and

20 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd received a Bachelor's Degree in
21 Education from Mississippi College in 1966, a Master's Degree in
22 Political Science from the University of Southern Mississippi in
23 1968, and a Ph.D Degree in Political Science and Public
24 Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi in
25 1973; and

26 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd worked as an Outside Plant Engineer
27 for the Southern Bell Telephone Company from 1966 to 1967 and
28 subsequently worked as a Graduate Assistant for the University of
29 Southern Mississippi from 1968 to 1972; and

30 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd worked as Manager of the Public
31 Administration Branch of the Mississippi Research and Development
32 Center from 1972 to 1979 and during such time served as Executive
33 Director of the Joint Legislative Reorganization Study Committee
34 during 1977 and as Special Assistant and Staff Coordinator with
35 the Governor's office during 1978 and 1979; and

36 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd worked as Director of Administrative
37 Services of the Department of Natural Resources from 1979 to 1984;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd began his employment with the
40 Legislative Budget Office as a Revenue Officer in 1984 and was
41 promoted to Deputy Director of the Legislative Budget Office in
42 1996, and worked a total of 17 years for the Legislative Budget
43 Office before his retirement; and

44 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd assisted in the preparation of 17
45 annual state budget recommendations for the Joint Legislative
46 Budget Committee; and

47 WHEREAS, during his career with the Legislature, Thomas
48 Kynerd observed the State General Fund budget recommendation
49 increase from \$1.3 Billion for fiscal year 1984 to \$3.5 Billion
50 for fiscal year 2001; and

51 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd was instrumental in the development of
52 important measures to strengthen the state budget process,
53 including the Budget Reform Act of 1992, which limited
54 appropriations to 98% of available funds and which created the
55 General fund Stabilization Reserve; and

56 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd was married to his wife, Nancy Alford,
57 of Covington, Louisiana, on September 5, 1964, and they are the
58 proud parents of three children: Carol Ann Kynerd Van Hoff of
59 Clinton, Mississippi; Kathie Genelle Knoll of Salt Lake City,
60 Utah; and Clayton Thomas Kynerd of Salt Lake City, Utah; and three
61 grandchildren, Jacob Karl Van Hoff, Allison Claire Van Hoff and
62 William Tyler Van Hoff; and

63 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd served on the Mississippi Economic
64 Council Committee on State and Local Government from 1973 to 1979,
65 served as President of the Mississippi Chapter of the American
66 Society for Public Administration in 1978 and as
67 Secretary/Treasurer from 1982 to 1984, served on the Board of
68 Editors of the Southern Review of Public Administration from 1977
69 to 1981, and served as a discussant at the Taft Institute Seminars
70 sponsored by Mississippi State University from 1980 to 1984; and

71 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd is a member of the Clinton Ward of the
72 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; and

73 WHEREAS, Thomas Kynerd has been exemplary in his personal and
74 professional life and has been an exceptionally qualified and
75 dedicated public servant who has devoted 28 years of his life in
76 service to the Legislature and the State of Mississippi and has
77 provided sound advice and counsel to legislators, state agencies
78 and institutions throughout this period:

79 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
80 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
81 we do hereby commend Thomas E. Kynerd for his outstanding service
82 to the State of Mississippi and wish him success in his future
83 endeavors.

84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
85 Thomas E. Kynerd and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.