

By: Senator(s) Chaney, Jackson (15th), King, Little, White To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF
2 JOHNNY FRANK CONWILL AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON THE OCCASION OF
3 HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 36 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE MISSISSIPPI
4 EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION.

5 WHEREAS, Johnny Frank Conwill is retiring after 36 years of
6 service with the Mississippi Employment Security Commission; and

7 WHEREAS, Johnny was Director of Unemployment Insurance from
8 February 1998 through April 15, 2004. Under Johnny's leadership,
9 the Unemployment Insurance Division paid approximately 5.8 million
10 claims totaling in excess of \$755 Million in Unemployment
11 Insurance benefits, collected in excess of \$562 Million in
12 Unemployment Insurance taxes, leaving the State of Mississippi
13 with an Unemployment Trust Fund in excess of \$615 Million that is
14 ranked among the best in the United States. With Johnny's
15 leadership, Mississippi's Unemployment Insurance program has
16 consistently ranked among the best performing programs in the
17 nation, receiving the Improvement Award for the Atlanta Region
18 during fiscal years 2001 and 2002; and

19 WHEREAS, Johnny has introduced the Unemployment Insurance
20 Division to significant technological enhancements in document
21 archiving and retrieval and claimant access for filing
22 unemployment claims by telephone; and

23 WHEREAS, Johnny Frank Conwill was born in Amory, Mississippi,
24 on November 13, 1943, attended Nettleton High School, Itawamba
25 Junior College, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and a
26 Masters in Guidance and Counseling from the University of
27 Mississippi. Johnny married Deborah Ward in 1974 and to that
28 union was born a daughter, Kelly, November 1987. Johnny was a

29 member of the Mississippi National Guard, taught school at
30 Itawamba Agricultural High School and then began his career with
31 the Mississippi Employment Security Commission in August 1967.
32 Johnny has served in a number of capacities in the Employment
33 Service and Unemployment Insurance Divisions of the Mississippi
34 Employment Security Commission throughout his career; and

35 WHEREAS, Johnny has distinguished himself in service to the
36 Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service Divisions of the
37 Mississippi Employment Security Commission with unquestionable
38 loyalty and dignity, leading and mentoring many; and

39 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the legacy
40 of public service of this dedicated Mississippi state official:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the career and public
43 service of Johnny Frank Conwill and congratulate him upon the
44 occasion of his retirement after 36 years of service with the
45 Mississippi Employment Security Commission, and extend to him and
46 his family the best wishes of the Senate.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 Johnny Frank Conwill and be made available to the Capitol Press
49 Corps.