

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ANDRE JAURON HEATH, ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN
2 FOR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES, THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, FOR
3 HIS EDUCATIONAL AND CIVIC LEADERSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, Andre Jauron Heath, Assistant to the Dean for
5 Strategic Initiatives, College of Science and Technology, the
6 University of Southern Mississippi (USM), was nominated to the
7 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for
8 commendation in observance of Black History Month; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Heath received his M.Ed. degree in Counseling
10 and College Student Personnel from the University of Southern
11 Mississippi (2002); and Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the
12 University of Southern Mississippi (1996); and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Heath has worked as a Resident Assistant and
14 Senior Admissions Counselor at the University of Southern
15 Mississippi prior to his appointment in 2002 as Assistant to the
16 Dean for Strategic Initiatives, College of Science and Technology;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Heath has always been one to work hard to see
19 things improve. At USM, he has been involved with advisement of
20 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and Men of Excellence. He was chosen
21 as Leader for the New Century where he worked hard to improve life
22 for those in the Hattiesburg Community, while working to build
23 better race relations; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Heath in his current role as Site Coordinator
25 for the Alliance for Graduate Education in Mississippi, has the
26 opportunity to travel and represent USM while helping to continue
27 to build bridges among the races and the universities in the state

28 of Mississippi. He is respected by everyone who knows him. His
29 easygoing, positive attitude helps to garner respect and trust
30 from all people with whom he has contact; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Heath's civic and community involvement include
32 Hattiesburg American Community board member, PACE Headstart Parent
33 Volunteer; member of Petal School District Strategic Planning
34 Core; Petal Education Foundation board member; Area Development
35 Partnership Legislative Update Committee co-chair; and N.R. Burger
36 Middle School Community Mentor; and

37 WHEREAS, Mr. Heath has received the 2001 Area Development
38 Partnership Leaders for a New Century award; Fourth Annual Soul
39 Food Luncheon Keynote Speaker (sponsored by the University of
40 Southern Mississippi African-American History Month Committee);
41 and

42 WHEREAS, Mr. Heath's professional memberships and activities
43 include the University of Southern Mississippi Association of
44 Office Professionals; Area Development Partnership Leadership
45 Steering Committee; National Black Graduate Student Association
46 (NBGSA); and National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering
47 (NACME):

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we take pride in recognizing Andre Jauron Heath,
50 Assistant to the Dean for Strategic Initiatives, the University of
51 Southern Mississippi, in observance of Black History Month for his
52 commitment to the positive advancement of diversity at the
53 University of Southern Mississippi and in the Hattiesburg
54 Community.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
56 Mr. Heath in recognition of his commitment to higher education, be
57 forwarded to the President of the University of Southern
58 Mississippi and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.