

By: Senator(s) Gordon, Browning, Bryan, Burton, Chaney, Dawkins, Dearing, Doxey, Huggins, Hyde-Smith, Kirby, Lee (47th), Little, Morgan, Posey, Robertson, Thames, Turner, White, Frazier To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE
2 OF THE HONORABLE STEPHEN J. KIRCHMAYR OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,
3 LONGTIME COUNSEL FOR THE STATE COLLEGE BOARD AND COURT
4 ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT, AND EXPRESSING
5 THE SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE.

6 WHEREAS, the Honorable Stephen J. Kirchmayr of Jackson,
7 Mississippi, Counsel and Court Administrator for the Mississippi
8 Supreme Court and the state court system, passed away on Tuesday,
9 October 4, 2005, at his home; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Kirchmayr, an attorney, worked in public service
11 for 28 years in the office of the State Attorney General, at the
12 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and at
13 the Mississippi Supreme Court. He served under four state
14 attorneys general and five chief justices of the Mississippi
15 Supreme Court; and

16 WHEREAS, for the past 12 years, Mr. Kirchmayr served as
17 Counsel and Court Administrator to the Mississippi Supreme Court.
18 He oversaw financial operations, personnel, planning and all other
19 non-judicial functions of the Mississippi Supreme Court and Court
20 of Appeals; and

21 WHEREAS, as Supreme Court Administrator, he oversaw
22 implementation of a new court system for the state after the
23 Legislature created the 10-member Court of Appeals in 1994. He
24 oversaw technological improvements for the Supreme Court, Court of
25 Appeals and the state trial courts. He supervised programs which
26 made the decisions, docket and oral arguments of the Supreme Court
27 and Court of Appeals available to the public via the Internet. He
28 oversaw resource improvements for trial courts; and

29 WHEREAS, from 1992-1993, Mr. Kirchmayr served as Special
30 Assistant to the Commissioner of Higher Education, he joined the
31 office of then-Attorney General A.F. Summer as an Assistant State
32 Attorney General in 1977, providing legal advice and
33 representation to state and local government officials and state
34 agencies. In 1985, he became Deputy Attorney General,
35 second-in-command under then-Attorney General Edwin L. Pittman, a
36 position he held until 1992; and

37 WHEREAS, Mr. Kirchmayr was born September 6, 1942, in
38 Vicksburg, Mississippi. He graduated from St. Aloysius High
39 School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the
40 University of Southern Mississippi in 1964. He earned a Juris
41 Doctorate degree from the Mississippi School of Law in 1972. He
42 worked in private law practice in Jackson, Mississippi, for five
43 years before joining the office of the Attorney General; and

44 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Mississippi Bar Association,
45 the Hinds County Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association and
46 the Mississippi Court Administrators' Association. He was a
47 fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation and a former member of
48 the Charles Clark Chapter of American Inns of Court. He served as
49 Secretary of the Conference of Mississippi Judges. From 1991 to
50 1993, he served as a member of Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory
51 Committee for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of
52 Mississippi. He was a former Chairman of the Governmental Law
53 Section of the Mississippi Bar Association. He was a member of
54 the St. James Episcopal Church. Mr. Kirchmayr was a private pilot
55 who enjoyed going to the circus and playing practical jokes; and

56 WHEREAS, Mr. Kirchmayr was preceded in death by his parents,
57 Stephen and Earline Kirchmayr. Survivors include his wife, Kathy
58 Crowder Kirchmayr, Jackson, Mississippi; son, Stephen Kirchmayr,
59 Jackson, Mississippi; daughter, Deidra Kirchmayr O'Connor and her
60 husband, the Reverend Edward F. O'Connor, Gulfport, Mississippi;
61 and three grandchildren; and

62 WHEREAS, we are grateful for Steve's legacy of service in
63 state government, and we will miss our friend dearly:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
65 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life and dedicated
66 public service of the Honorable Stephen J. Kirchmayr of Jackson,
67 Mississippi, longtime Counsel for the Board of Trustees of State
68 Institutions of Higher Learning and Court Administrator for the
69 Mississippi Supreme Court, and express to his family the sympathy
70 of the Senate on his passing.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
72 the surviving family of Stephen Kirchmayr, to the Board of
73 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the
74 Mississippi Supreme Court and be made available to the Capitol
75 Press Corps.