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Boy's and Girl's State Insurance Commissioners named Ambassadors to MID Catastrophe Forum



2009 Mississippi Boys' State Insurance
Commissioner Luther R. Woodland, Jr.
of Moss Point, MS



2009 Mississippi Girl's State
Insurance Commissioner
Ihaab Syed of Biloxi, MS

Jackson - Commissioner of Insurance Mike Chaney has named the 2009 Elected Insurance Commissioners of Boys' and Girls' State (respectively) as Special Ambassadors to the Mississippi Insurance Department's (MID) Catastrophe Preparedness and Insurance Forum being held July 16-17 at the Imperial Palace in Biloxi, Mississippi.

The 2009 Boy's State Insurance Commissioner is Luther R. Woodland, Jr. of Moss Point. Woodland is the son of Luther and Jennifer Woodland. He is a senior at Moss Point High School this fall.

The 2009 Girl's State Insurance Commissioner is Ihaab Syed of Biloxi. Syed is the daughter of Drs. Ishrat Syed and Shama Shakir and is a senior at Long Beach High School.

"I am delighted to have these exceptional young people serve as Ambassadors to our conference. They both visited the offices of the MID following their respective elections and we were most impressed with their poise and leadership qualities. This will be a particularly rewarding

experience for them since they are both from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. They will have the opportunity to meet presenters, listen to the discussions of the various insurance issues that may face them as future leaders of the state,” Chaney said.

The MID Catastrophe Preparedness and Insurance Forum begins Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the Imperial Palace. Among the expected speakers are four state Insurance Commissioners, industry leaders in wind mitigation, representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers, Governor Haley Barbour, and Congressman Gene Taylor.

For more information on the MID Catastrophe Preparedness and Insurance Forum go to the MID website at www.mid.state.ms.us