

By: Representative Flaggs

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 156

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO BEGAN THEIR TERMS IN 1980
3 FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE.

4 WHEREAS, there are 52 representatives who began their term in
5 office in 1980, which is one of the largest freshman classes of
6 legislators; and

7 WHEREAS, the Class of 1980, includes Ken W. (Ken) Albritton,
8 Donald Sutton (Don) Alford, Larry Douglas (Larry) Allen, Harlyn
9 Terrell (Terrell) Breland, Credell Calhoun, Offa Lunsford
10 (Lunsford) Casey, Archie Lee (Archie) Cates, Eric Charles (Eric)
11 Clark, Ernest Fredrick (Fred) Dobbins, Lawrence Glenn (Larry)
12 Dubaz, Jr., Grady Michael (Mike) Eakes, Tyrone Ellis, Timothy Alan
13 (Tim) Ford, Hillman Terome (Hillman) Frazier, Isiah Fredericks,
14 Jack E. (Jackie) Gary, Jr., David Leo (David) Green, Perrin Holmes
15 (Perrin) Grissom, Richard Stephen (Stephen) Hale, Bruce J. (Bruce)
16 Hanson, Clayton P. (Clayton) Henderson, Aaron Edd (Aaron) Henry,
17 Jerry Lee (Jerry) Horton, Jerry Wayne (Jerry) Hutto, Hermit Alton
18 (Hermit) Jones, William Harold (Bill) Jones, John R. (John)
19 Junkin, II, Leslie Darnell (Leslie) King, Herbert Ted (Ted)
20 Lambert, Henry Hilliard (Hilliard) Lawler, III, Adrian Gordon
21 (Adrian) Lee, Jr., Bennett Malone, William J. (Billy) McCoy,
22 Hubert Stephen (Butch) McMillan, Jimmie Keith (Keith) McNatt,
23 Steven Louis (Steven) Melancon, Thomas Upton (Tommy) Reynolds, II,
24 Ronald Wade (Ronnie) Robertson, Dorlos (Bo) Robinson, Joe Bennett
25 (Joe) Rouse, Barney J. (Barney) Schoby, Charles Bernard Sheppard,
26 Robert Harold (Rob) Smith, Johnny William (Johnny) Stringer, Mac

27 Allen Thomas, Pascal Augustus (Gus) Townsend, Robert Earl (Robert)
28 Vince, Mack Loyd (Mack) Wadkins, Joseph Lawrence (Joe) Warren,
29 III, Percy Willis (Percy) Watson, Jerry Earl (Jerry) Wilkerson,
30 and Charles Lemuel (Charles) Young; and

31 WHEREAS, during their inaugural term of office, these
32 representatives passed significant legislation, including the
33 State Employee Variable Comprehensive Plan and the 1982 Education
34 Reform Act; and

35 WHEREAS, during the 1984-1988 legislative term,
36 representatives passed legislation, including the largest pay
37 raise for teachers in the state at that time; a massive
38 reorganization of state boards and commissions, including
39 abolishment of the old Budget Commission, the Building Commission
40 and Medicaid Commission; the Business Investment Act was hailed by
41 economic development officials as a landmark piece of legislation
42 to stimulate economic growth; and a major four-lane highway
43 program was enacted despite a gubernatorial veto; and

44 WHEREAS, legislation enacted during the term from 1988-1992
45 included the approval of a new Economic Development Highway Act to
46 help build roads for major industrial prospects; the approval of a
47 county-unit bill providing for people in each county to vote on a
48 centralized system of road management; the adoption of the equity
49 funding plan to assist local school districts and reduce financial
50 disparities among districts; the approval of the Economic
51 Development Reform Act to stimulate new business; and the
52 replacement of the part-time State Parole Board with a full-time
53 five member board; and

54 WHEREAS, some highlights of the 1992-1996 legislative term
55 were: the Education Enhancement Act, the multi-million dollar
56 prison construction program, the Alcohol Boating Safety Act, the
57 establishment of the Department of Transportation and the creation
58 of the intermediate Court of Appeals; and

59 WHEREAS, since 1996, the Legislature has passed important
60 legislation such as the authorization of 32 new assistant district
61 attorneys around the state, the enactment of the Mississippi
62 Adequate Education Program, the approval of welfare laws to comply
63 with federal mandates, and the creation of the Mississippi Prepaid

64 Affordable College Tuition Program to help defray rising costs in
65 attending college; and

66 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to
67 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by
68 such a remarkable group of individuals who came together to
69 improve the quality of life for the citizens of Mississippi:

70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
71 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
72 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the members of the House of
73 Representatives who began their term in 1980 for their outstanding
74 service to the people they represent and we extend to each member
75 our heartiest wishes of success in all their future endeavors.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
77 furnished to each member of the House of Representatives named in
78 this resolution and members of the Capitol Press Corps.