

By: Representative Capps

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. LELAND SPEAKES, JR.,  
2 FOR SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF THE FOUNDATION FOR NORTH AMERICAN WILD  
3 SHEEP.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Leland Speakes, Jr., a resident of Cleveland,  
5 Mississippi, took the office of President of the Foundation for  
6 North American Wild Sheep in April 1998 and will serve in the  
7 office until April 1999; and

8 WHEREAS, after graduating from Mississippi State University  
9 in 1951, Mr. Speakes entered the United States Air Force Pilot  
10 Training Program at Columbus, Mississippi, and graduated from  
11 flight training at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona; and

12 WHEREAS, after completing his flight training, Mr. Speakes  
13 served his country as a jet fighter pilot during the Korean  
14 Conflict, flying 98 combat missions and receiving the  
15 Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two oak leaf  
16 clusters; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Speakes, a real estate broker and appraiser and  
18 an avid hunter, has always been interested in wild sheep, hunting  
19 throughout the North American continent, Europe, Asia and Africa,  
20 and he became the first Mississippian to take the Grand Slam by  
21 successfully taking one sheep of each of the four varieties of  
22 sheep that inhabit North America: the Dall, Stone, Rocky Mountain  
23 and Desert; and

24 WHEREAS, the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep is a  
25 6,000 member international organization that covers the United  
26 States, Canada and Mexico, whose objectives are to promote and

27 enhance increasing populations of indigenous wild sheep on the  
28 North American continent, to safeguard against the decline or  
29 extinction of such species and to fund programs for professional  
30 management of these populations; and

31 WHEREAS, now in his third three-year term, Mr. Speakes was  
32 elected to his first term as a member of the Foundation's Board of  
33 Directors in 1992, and has served as membership chairman,  
34 convention chairman and First Vice President of the Foundation's  
35 Board of Directors; and

36 WHEREAS, being politically active at the federal level  
37 promoting hunting, fishing and wildlife conservation, Mr. Speakes  
38 has worked closely with the United States Forest Service, the  
39 Bureau of Land Management and the United States Fish and Wildlife  
40 Service on wildlife enhancement programs; and

41 WHEREAS, in addition to his responsibilities with the  
42 Foundation, Mr. Speakes serves on the Board of Directors of the  
43 Ballot Issues Coalition, an organization dedicated to protecting  
44 wildlife and wildlife management from unfavorable ballot issues  
45 supported by animal rights groups; and

46 WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. Speakes was selected by Peterson's  
47 Hunting Magazine as one of the 20 most influential wildlife  
48 conservation people in the United States; and

49 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi finds it  
50 most appropriate to recognize and commend excellence, especially  
51 when evidenced by such a remarkable man as Mr. Leland Speakes,  
52 Jr., whose leadership has made an tremendous impact in the area of  
53 wildlife:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
56 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mr. Leland Speakes, Jr., for  
57 his service as President of the Foundation for North American Wild  
58 Sheep and extend our heartiest wishes in all his future endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
60 furnished to Mr. Leland Speakes, Jr., and the members of the  
61 Capitol Press Corps.