

By: Representatives Middleton, Scott (80th), To: Rules
Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Bozeman, Broomfield,
Clark, Clarke, Coleman (29th), Coleman
(65th), Dickson, Ellis, Evans, Flaggs,
Fredericks, Gibbs, Green (96th), Henderson
(26th), Henderson (9th), Huddleston, Morris,
Myers, Perkins, Robinson (63rd), Smith
(27th), Straughter, Thomas, Thornton, Walker,
Wallace, Watson, West, Young, Fleming

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. JAMES CHARLES EVERS
2 FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. James Charles Evers, born September 11, 1922,
4 was the first born of four children of Jim and Jessie Evers; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduation from the public schools in Decatur,
6 Mississippi, Mr. Evers volunteered for a term of duty in the
7 United States Army in 1940; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Evers, a resident of Fayette, Mississippi,
9 returned to Mississippi in the late 1940's and enrolled in Alcorn
10 State University, formerly known as Alcorn A&M College, where he
11 received his bachelor of science degree in 1951; and

12 WHEREAS, to further his education, Mr. Evers earned a
13 Doctorate of Civil Law from Luther College in 1969 and an honorary
14 doctorate from Tougaloo College in 1970; and

15 WHEREAS, after teaching briefly in the public schools of
16 Humphrey County, Mr. Evers resigned and went into business for
17 himself; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Evers, a remarkable and successful businessman,
19 owned businesses including washhouses, hotels, lounges and
20 promotion companies; and

21 WHEREAS, seeking to bring positive changes to Mississippi,
22 Mr. Evers became a member of the NAACP of which he has a life
23 membership; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Evers has served in various leadership roles in
25 several professional organizations and clubs such as Field
26 Secretary of the Mississippi NAACP and founding member of the AJFC

27 Community Action Agency; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Evers founded and chaired several organizations
29 in honor of Medgar Evers including the Medgar Evers Fund, the
30 Medgar Evers Homecoming, the Medgar Evers Home Health Agency and
31 the Medgar Evers Comprehensive Health Center; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. Evers has received many letters of appreciation
33 from several presidents such as John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon,
34 Lyndon Johnson, Ronald Reagan and George Bush; and

35 WHEREAS, having traveled and worked throughout the United
36 States, Mr. Evers has received Keys to Cities including
37 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Denmark, South Carolina; Washington,
38 D.C; Cleveland, Ohio; Buffalo, New York; New Orleans, Louisiana;
39 Fort Wayne, Indiana; Springfield, Illinois and Raleigh, North
40 Carolina; and

41 WHEREAS, during his lifetime, Mr. Evers has been honored with
42 over 50 awards such as Man of the Year Award, Medgar Evers Human
43 Rights Award, American Friendship Club Award, Outstanding Citizen
44 of the Year, Vernon Dahmer Award, Ambassador's Club Award,
45 Profiles in Courage Award, Black Man of Progress Award, John F.
46 Kennedy Award, Vehicle to Freedom Award, Friend of Man Award,
47 Black History Program Award and many others; and

48 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds it most appropriate to
49 recognize such an outstanding man as Mr. James Charles Evers, a
50 man whose long and distinguished career of service has set an
51 example for many to follow:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
53 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
54 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mr. James Charles Evers for his
55 many years of dedicated service and extend our heartiest wishes in
56 all his future endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
58 furnished to Mr. James Charles Evers and members of the Capitol
59 Press Corps.