

By: Representatives Ford, Holland, Scott  
(17th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND  
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WILLIAM THOMAS FIELDS AND EXTENDING DEEPEST  
3 SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, William Thomas Fields, a native of Tupelo,  
5 Mississippi, departed this life on February 13, 1999, causing a  
6 great loss to his friends and family; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Fields was a successful businessman with a rare  
8 and visionary entrepreneurial mind; and

9 WHEREAS, in the early 1980's, Mr. Fields, along with eight  
10 other original investors, formed LDDS of Mississippi, the parent  
11 company of MCI WorldCom, currently the second largest  
12 telecommunications company in the world; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Fields, a man with the talent for understanding  
14 business strategy and the long-term implications of decisions,  
15 served with distinction as the founding chairman and chief  
16 executive officer of LDDS, now MCI WorldCom; and

17 WHEREAS, a generous and selfless individual, Mr. Fields was a  
18 worthy example of a charitable man who donated numerous anonymous  
19 gifts to his alma mater, Millsaps College, Camp Hopewell  
20 Conference and Spiritual Retreat Center near Oxford, the First  
21 Presbyterian Church, USA of Tupelo, and many other religious,  
22 educational and humanitarian causes; and

23 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
24 and pay special tribute to outstanding Mississippians such as Mr.  
25 Fields, whose business success and exceptional character are  
26 remarkable examples for all to follow:

27           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
28 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
29 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and accomplishments of  
30 William Thomas Fields and express our deepest sympathy to his  
31 family and friends upon his passing.

32           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
33 furnished to the family of William Thomas Fields and members of  
34 the Capitol Press Corps.