

By: Representative Ketchings

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 121  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND  
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. WILLIAM T. "BILLY" FERRELL, SR., AND  
3 EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS  
4 PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, William T. "Billy" Ferrell, Sr., departed this life  
6 on Sunday, February 28, 1999, causing a great loss to his family  
7 and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrell, the son of William Albert and Ella  
9 Louise French Ferrell, Jr., was born on October 23, 1923, in  
10 Natchez, Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Natchez and Adams County,  
12 Mississippi, Mr. Ferrell attended the parochial and public schools  
13 of Natchez; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrell, a United States Army veteran, served  
15 for three years during World War II and received three Bronze  
16 Stars; and

17 WHEREAS, after working for the Natchez Post Office for seven  
18 years, Mr. Ferrell resigned to enter law enforcement as a deputy  
19 sheriff; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1959, Mr. Ferrell was first elected Sheriff of  
21 Adams County, serving from 1960 to 1964 and was reelected in 1967,  
22 serving until his retirement on January 4, 1988; and

23 WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished career as sheriff,  
24 Mr. Ferrell served as President of the Mississippi State Sheriffs  
25 Association for three terms in 1962, 1968 and 1971; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrell also was a member of the Herbert J.  
27 Remondet Post #4 of the American Legion for 51 years and a charter

28 member of the Santa Claus Committee, having served as "Santa" in  
29 1992; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrell is survived by his lovely wife Hazel  
31 Hampton Ferrell; two children, William T. "Tommy" Ferrell and  
32 Sherry Ferrell Bernhard; four grandchildren; and six  
33 great-grandchildren; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
35 and pay special tribute to such outstanding Mississippians as Mr.  
36 William T. "Billy" Ferrell, Sr., who made a remarkable difference  
37 in the lives of those who knew him:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
40 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and accomplishments of  
41 Mr. William T. "Billy" Ferrell and express our deepest sympathy to  
42 his family and friends upon his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
44 furnished to the family of Mr. William T. "Billy" Ferrell and to  
45 members of the Capitol Press Corps.