

By: Representative Smith (39th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 139

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. JERRY L. CAMPBELL FOR
2 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY
3 PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry L. Campbell has served as the Executive
5 Director of the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association for 22
6 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell has been a tireless champion of the
8 consumers' interest in our state, a strong spokesman for public
9 power and an objective voice of reason and integrity in the State
10 of Mississippi and across the Valley region; and

11 WHEREAS, during his 22-year tenure as Executive Director, Mr.
12 Campbell has adhered to a common sense approach to solving
13 problems and has stood tall as a leader, displaying
14 professionalism and sound judgement in all his endeavors in the
15 seven state Valley region and in the national arena of public
16 power; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell has labored behind the scenes with this
18 Legislature and the federal government to preserve and protect the
19 interests of all the electric utility rate payers of this state,
20 and in the neighboring Valley states, where consumer owned
21 utilities serve their customer-owners; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell has diligently worked to defend the
23 rights of Valley citizens in this state and throughout the region
24 to continue to enjoy the benefits of navigation, flood control and
25 land stewardship which are provided through the Tennessee Valley
26 Authority with annual appropriations from the federal government;

27 and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell has fought to preserve the historic
29 preference principle and protect thousands of our citizens and
30 rate payers of the 28 consumer-owned utilities in Mississippi
31 which buy their power from the Tennessee Valley Authority, from
32 having to pay, through their local electric bills, for the cost of
33 navigation and flood control which is regularly provided by
34 federal government appropriations to other agencies in all other
35 regions of our nation; and

36 WHEREAS, in recognition of challenges that changed the
37 utility workplace environment, Mr. Campbell fostered the creation
38 of a comprehensive technical education and training effort to
39 upgrade skills and retrain the employees of consumer-owned
40 utilities through this state and the Valley region in order that
41 they may continue their productive employment and better serve the
42 utility customers, through their local utilities, in the
43 communities where they live and work; and

44 WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell responded with creativity and innovation
45 during a time of adversity, when consumer-owned utilities in this
46 state and through the Valley region were faced with the unexpected
47 loss of their commercial liability and other insurance, by
48 successfully creating a captive insurance company to meet the
49 unique insurance needs of his association's utility members at low
50 cost; and

51 WHEREAS, his efforts through Tennessee Valley Public Power
52 Association, to maintain reliable, safe, low-cost electric power
53 as the strategic engine that drives a significant portion of the
54 economic chain of events of our state, have helped to create and
55 retain jobs in our local communities, fostered the development of
56 new industries and other beneficial economic development projects,
57 which in turn have generated tax revenues to support the
58 development of new and improved public infrastructure to improve
59 the overall quality of life that our citizens enjoy in our local
60 communities and in our state; and

61 WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell greatly appreciates the support and
62 fellowship he receives from the many employees and volunteer
63 governing board members of the 28 consumer-owned Tennessee Valley

64 Authority power distributors in Mississippi, who have helped him
65 carry the torch for public power in our communities for many
66 years; and

67 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
68 and commend such outstanding citizens as Mr. Jerry L. Campbell, a
69 remarkable servant who has given unselfishly of his time and
70 talents to serve the citizens of this state and the Valley region:

71 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
72 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
73 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mr. Jerry L. Campbell for his
74 many years of meritorious service as Executive Director of the
75 Tennessee Valley Public Power Association and extend our heartiest
76 wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
78 furnished to Mr. Jerry L. Campbell and members of the Capitol
79 Press Corps.