

By: Representative Flaggs

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 165

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO BEGAN THEIR TERMS IN 1980
3 FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE.

4 WHEREAS, of the 52 representatives who began their term in
5 office in 1980, which is one of the largest freshman classes of
6 legislators, 12 are currently serving the 1996-2000 term; and

7 WHEREAS, the Class of 1980, includes Tyrone Ellis, Timothy
8 Alan (Tim) Ford, David Leo (David) Green, Clayton P. (Clayton)
9 Henderson, Bennett Malone, William J. (Billy) McCoy, Thomas Upton
10 (Tommy) Reynolds, II, Johnny William (Johnny) Stringer, Robert
11 Earl (Robert) Vince, Joseph Lawrence (Joe) Warren, III, Percy
12 Willis (Percy) Watson and Charles Lemuel (Charles) Young; and

13 WHEREAS, during their inaugural term of office, these
14 representatives passed significant legislation, including the
15 State Employee Variable Comprehensive Plan and the 1982 Education
16 Reform Act; and

17 WHEREAS, during the 1984-1988 legislative term, this group of
18 representatives passed legislation, including the largest pay
19 raise for teachers in the state at that time; a massive
20 reorganization of state boards and commissions, including
21 abolishment of the old Budget Commission, the Building Commission
22 and Medicaid Commission; the Business Investment Act was hailed by
23 economic development officials as a landmark piece of legislation
24 to stimulate economic growth; and a major four-lane highway
25 program was enacted despite a gubernatorial veto; and

26 WHEREAS, legislation enacted during the term from 1988-1992

27 included the approval of a new Economic Development Highway Act to
28 help build roads for major industrial prospects; the approval of a
29 county-unit bill providing for people in each county to vote on a
30 centralized system of road management; the adoption of the equity
31 funding plan to assist local school districts and reduce financial
32 disparities among districts; the approval of the Economic
33 Development Reform Act to stimulate new business; and the
34 replacement of the part-time State Parole Board with a full-time
35 five member board; and

36 WHEREAS, some highlights of the 1992-1996 legislative term
37 were: the Education Enhancement Act, the multi-million dollar
38 prison construction program, the Alcohol Boating Safety Act, the
39 establishment of the Department of Transportation and the creation
40 of the intermediate Court of Appeals; and

41 WHEREAS, since 1996, the Legislature has passed important
42 legislation such as the authorization of 32 new assistant district
43 attorneys around the state, the enactment of the Mississippi
44 Adequate Education Program, the approval of welfare laws to comply
45 with federal mandates, and the creation of the Mississippi Prepaid
46 Affordable College Tuition Program to help defray rising costs in
47 attending college; and

48 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to
49 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by
50 such a remarkable group of individuals who came together to
51 improve the quality of life for the citizens of Mississippi:

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 the members of the House of
55 Representatives who began their term in 1980 and are currently
56 serving the 1996-2000 term, for their outstanding service to the
57 people they represent and we extend to each member our heartiest
58 wishes of success in all their future endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be

60 furnished to each member of the House of Representatives named in
61 this resolution and members of the Capitol Press Corps.