

By: Representatives Williams, King, Davis, To: Rules
Watson, Saucier

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 171

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. JAMES RAY CARPENTER ON
2 BEING THE FIRST MISSISSIPPIAN TO HAVE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
3 PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. James Ray Carpenter, a native of Runnelstown,
5 Mississippi, was the first Mississippian to have served as
6 President of the Professional Golf Association ("PGA"); and

7 WHEREAS, after graduating from Hattiesburg High School, Mr.
8 Carpenter furthered his education at the University of Southern
9 Mississippi, where he earned a bachelor of science and a master's
10 degree; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Carpenter, a well-rounded athlete, took up the
12 game of golf in Natchez in 1959, and was elected to the PGA on
13 August 20, 1969; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1964, Mr. Carpenter joined the University of
15 Southern Mississippi staff as head professional and has also
16 served as golf course superintendent, golf coach and instructor;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, on February 1, 1990, Mr. Carpenter was named
19 Director of Golf at Timberton Golf Club and worked with the Mark
20 McCumber Corporation in the construction of Timberton and the
21 opening of the course on July 1, 1991; and

22 WHEREAS, since 1969, Mr. Carpenter has been actively involved
23 in the PGA, serving as Gulf States PGA Secretary in 1973 and
24 President for 1974-1975 in the PGA Section office, and serving on
25 the Board of Directors of the PGA National Office for 1979-1981,
26 and serving as Treasurer for 1983-1984, Vice President for

27 1985-1986 and President for 1987-1988 of the PGA National Office;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Carpenter has served on the PGA National Rules
30 Committee for the past 20 years and as Chairman of the Club Pro
31 Championship, the PGA Championship and the Ryder Cup Match; and

32 WHEREAS, throughout his long and distinguished career, Mr.
33 Carpenter has received numerous awards and honors, including the
34 Gulf States PGA Professional of the Year, the Gulf States PGA
35 Horton Smith Award and the Mississippi PGA Professional of the
36 Year and has been inducted into the University of Southern
37 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, the University of Southern
38 Mississippi Alumni Hall of Fame and the Gulf States PGA Hall of
39 Fame; and

40 WHEREAS, Mr. Carpenter has been lovingly supported in all his
41 endeavors by his lovely wife, Mary, and his five children; and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
43 and commend such outstanding Mississippians as Mr. Carpenter,
44 whose remarkable career has brought honor and great pride to this
45 state:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
48 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mr. James Ray Carpenter on
49 being the first Mississippian to have served as President of the
50 Professional Golf Association and extend to him our heartiest
51 wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
53 furnished to Mr. James Ray Carpenter and to members of the Capitol
54 Press Corps.