

By: Representative Ford

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 49

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE EXCEPTIONAL LEGISLATIVE CAREER OF
2 REPRESENTATIVE ED PERRY AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR HIS
3 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF HIS DISTRICT AND THE STATE OF
4 MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, Representative Felix Edwin "Ed" Perry, a resident of
6 Oxford, Mississippi, will retire after his eighth consecutive term
7 in the Mississippi House of Representatives, having served as a
8 representative since 1968; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from University High School in
10 Oxford, Representative Perry received a bachelor's degree from the
11 University of Mississippi in 1964 and his law degree from that
12 university's school of law in 1967; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Perry, representing House District 12
14 in Lafayette County, is tied with only one other current member of
15 the House, Speaker Pro Tempore Robert Clark, for the most years of
16 continuous service; and

17 WHEREAS, throughout his long and distinguished legislative
18 career, Representative Perry, Chairman of the Judiciary "A"
19 Committee, has held numerous positions of leadership, including
20 having served as former Chairman of the House Appropriations,
21 Constitution and Municipalities Committees and as a long-time
22 member of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee; and

23 WHEREAS, under his outstanding leadership as Chairman of the
24 Appropriations Committee, the state General Fund budget grew from
25 Nine Hundred Seventy Million Dollars to over One Billion Six
26 Hundred Million Dollars; and

27 WHEREAS, Representative Perry has served as a member of

28 numerous special committees, including a joint legislative study
29 committee on capitated managed care for Medicaid recipients; the
30 Joint Committee on Compilation, Revision and Publication of State
31 Legislation; a special committee to evaluate the medical
32 malpractice insurance program in the state; and study committees
33 on governmental reorganization, improving the state's educational
34 system and the need for an intermediate appeals court; and

35 WHEREAS, Representative Perry has been a strong advocate of
36 improving education, including the institutions of higher learning
37 and worked tirelessly to provide adequate funding for the state's
38 universities and related educational programs; and

39 WHEREAS, a leader in promoting law and order, Representative
40 Perry handled the legislation in 1996 to authorize 32 new
41 assistant district attorneys around the state and to provide for
42 additional criminal investigators in four districts; and

43 WHEREAS, as a founding member of the Joint Legislative Budget
44 Committee, Representative Perry assisted the Legislature in
45 charting a new course of formulating our state's budget when a
46 court case about the separation of powers between the three
47 branches of government required a change in the process; and

48 WHEREAS, through his dedication and progressive leadership,
49 Representative Perry has earned the respect of his fellow House
50 members and his congenial nature has had a positive influence on
51 all who have had the pleasure of working with him and hearing him
52 say in tense moments of the legislative process, "Now, let's all
53 be sweet;" and

54 WHEREAS, Representative Perry, noted for his oratorical
55 skills and personal integrity, will leave a legacy of service, a
56 tradition of compassion and excellence, a record of significant
57 accomplishment and a host of friends, colleagues and fellow
58 workers who will sorely miss his counsel, inspiration and
59 fellowship:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
62 commend and express our sincere appreciation to Representative Ed
63 Perry for his many noteworthy contributions for the people of
64 Mississippi and extend our best wishes for his continued success
65 in all future endeavors.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
67 furnished to Representative Perry and to members of the Capitol
68 Press Corps.