

By: Representative Ford

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 50

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE WILLIAMS FOR
2 HIS EXCEPTIONAL LEGISLATIVE CAREER AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR
3 HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Representative Charlie Williams, a lifelong resident
5 of Tate County, has served District 8 in the Mississippi House of
6 Representatives since being elected in 1975; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Williams, the son of the late E.M.
8 (Bill) Williams and Mary McGinnis Williams, was born November 28,
9 1944, and attended Senatobia City Schools; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Representative
11 Williams attended Northwest Mississippi Community College and
12 graduated from the University of Mississippi, where he was
13 president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Williams, an All-SEC baseball player
15 at Ole Miss, still holds the school record with 31 stolen bases in
16 a 31 game season, and in 1996, he was inducted into the Ole Miss
17 Alumni Association's Athletic Hall of Fame; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Williams, Chairman of the House Ways
19 and Means Committee since 1992, is a member of the House Insurance
20 Committee, the Oil, Gas and Other Minerals Committee, and the
21 Management, as well as the Joint Executive Contingent Fund
22 Committee, the Joint Investigation of State Offices Committee and
23 the Legislative Budget Committee; and

24 WHEREAS, during his legislative career, Representative
25 Williams has been selected to serve on numerous special
26 committees, including a select committee on education in 1990, the

27 Joint Oversight Committee on Mississippi Bank Bonds, the
28 Mississippi Home Corporation Oversight Committee and the Institute
29 for Technology Development Oversight Committee; and

30 WHEREAS, a leader in both national and regional legislative
31 circles, in 1998, Representative Williams was named Chairman of
32 the Council of State Governments, a national nonpartisan
33 organization founded in 1933 to promote excellence in state
34 government; and

35 WHEREAS, Representative Williams is a recognized expert on
36 gaming industry legislation and played a major role in passage of
37 legislation involving the state tax structure, tax equalization,
38 the widely acclaimed 1982 Education Reform Act, the landmark
39 Education Improvement Act of 1992 and the 1987 Four-Lane Highway
40 Program; and

41 WHEREAS, the owner of Charlie Williams Insurance Agency,
42 Representative Williams is a member of the First United Methodist
43 Church in Senatobia, the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi
44 Advisory Board and the Special Olympics of Mississippi; and

45 WHEREAS, known by his colleagues for his dedication,
46 organizational skills and hard work, Representative Williams has
47 been a strong advocate of legislation dealing with economic
48 development, highways, agriculture, rural opportunities and all
49 phases of education; and

50 WHEREAS, Representative Williams is a highly respected and
51 influential member of the House of Representatives and has brought
52 much credit to himself and the House by his dedication and hard
53 work to serve the best interests of his constituents and the
54 people of the State of Mississippi:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
56 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
57 commend and express our deepest appreciation to our colleague,
58 Representative Charlie Williams for his long and distinguished
59 career in the Mississippi House of Representatives, and offer our
60 best wishes for his continued success in all his future endeavors.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
62 furnished to Representative Charlie Williams and to members of the
63 Capitol Press Corps.