

By: Representatives Rotenberry, Weathersby, Hudson To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 61  
(As Adopted by House)

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. RICHARD STANLEY BERRY FOR HIS  
2 CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY AND HIS MANY OUTSTANDING  
3 ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Stanley Berry, born November 12, 1897,  
5 has made immeasurable contributions to the citizens of the City of  
6 Mendenhall, Simpson County and the State of Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Berry attended Gwinville, Pinola, Shivers and  
8 Mendenhall Schools before graduating from Simpson County  
9 Agricultural High School; and

10 WHEREAS, after high school, Mr. Berry attended Mississippi  
11 College, where he received a degree in biology with a minor in  
12 physics and Latin; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Berry has served many schools and school  
14 districts in various roles throughout his long and distinguished  
15 career, including the Mars Hill Consolidated School in Amite  
16 County as a science teacher and superintendent from 1921 to 1925;  
17 the Goodwater School as the principal from 1925 to 1927; the  
18 Cooksville-Paulette High School in Noxubee County as the  
19 superintendent from 1927-1930; and the Mt. Zion School as a  
20 teacher from 1930 to 1932; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1945, Mr. Berry taught science at Mendenhall High  
22 School until 1948, when he was elected Simpson County  
23 Superintendent of Education; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Berry resumed teaching science, biology,  
25 chemistry and physics at Mendenhall High School from 1952 to 1965;  
26 and

27           WHEREAS, Mr. Berry served as Simpson County's first  
28 coordinator of the Federal Title One Program, and he served for 25  
29 years as a member of the Advisory Board of Selective Service; and

30           WHEREAS, a loyal patriot, Mr. Berry served the United States  
31 in the Navy in 1918, serving at the Hospital Corps in Great Lakes,  
32 Illinois, and duty aboard the U.S.S. Flusser destroyer; and

33           WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Berry is a  
34 member of First Baptist Church in Mendenhall, where he has been  
35 elected as a deacon emeritus; and

36           WHEREAS, Mr. Berry was lovingly supported in all his  
37 endeavors by his wife of over 51 years, the late Estelle Fairly  
38 Hubbard; his children, Katherine, Kathleen, Mary, Charlotte and  
39 Billy, who is deceased; nine grandchildren; and 15 great  
40 grandchildren; and

41           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of  
42 the State of Mississippi to recognize and pay special tribute to  
43 such outstanding Mississippians as Mr. Berry, whose contributions  
44 have touched the lives of his students as well as his neighbors:

45           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
47 commend Mr. Richard Stanley Berry for his many noteworthy  
48 contributions to his community and extend to him our heartiest  
49 wishes for good health, peace, happiness and joy.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
51 furnished to Mr. Richard Stanley Berry and to the members of the  
52 Capitol Press Corps.