HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING KEN PARVIN UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS A HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL OFFICIAL FOR FIFTY YEARS.

WHEREAS, Mr. Ken Parvin, a member of the Gulf Coast Officials Association since 1949, has decided to retire after 50 years of dedicated and committed service as a high school football coach, having the most years of service known in the history of the Gulf Coast Officials Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parvin has officiated games all over South Mississippi, and among the schools are Pearl River Central, Picayune, Hancock North Central, Vancleave, Bay High, St. Stanislaus, Gautier, Pass Christian, Gulfport, St. John, Biloxi, Mercy Cross, Lucedale, Wiggins and others in the area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parvin confined his officiating to high school football with the exception of a minimal amount of college work for Millsaps and Mississippi College, but high school games have always been his first love; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parvin faced new situations each year which made officiating interesting and prompted him to continue to study the rule book as if it were his Holy Bible; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parvin was a referee in all the games he officiated and was in overall charge of the crew, making all the final decisions when necessary; and

WHEREAS, in October 1967, he decided to open Ken's Ball and Cue in Gulfport, a pool room that he wanted to make available for families, as he allows no smoking, gambling, loitering or alcoholic beverages; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Parvin and his lovely wife, Betty, are members of First Baptist Church in Gulfport where they have been members for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Ken and Betty have five children, Shirley, Debra, Ken, Jr., Cindy and Janine:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the accomplishments of Mr. Ken Parvin for his example of a remarkable and dedicated coach whose long and distinguished career epitomizes a life rich in achievement and service to his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Mr. Ken Parvin and the Capitol Press Corps.