

By: Ford, Capps, Clark, McCoy, Horne

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROBERT ABRAHAM GREENLEE,
2 THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE, FOR HIS
3 EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND
4 TO THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE AND FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO
5 THE ADVANCEMENT OF SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT
6 OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

7 WHEREAS, Robert Abraham Greenlee, the Director of the
8 Legislative Budget Office, recently retired from Mississippi State
9 Government after 39 years of service; and

10 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee was born on October 8, 1936, in
11 Jackson, Mississippi, and was the son of the late Maggie and
12 Robert Greenlee of Hermanville, Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee graduated from Port Gibson High
14 School in 1954 and furthered his education at the University of
15 Mississippi where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon
16 Fraternity and where he received a bachelor of science degree in
17 business administration in 1959; and

18 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee began his interest in state
19 government while still in college, serving as a driver for
20 Fielding Wright during Wright's 1955 campaign for his second term
21 as Governor; and

22 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee, upon his graduation from the
23 University of Mississippi, worked in the Ross Barnett
24 gubernatorial campaign and later served as a Colonel on Governor
25 Ross Barnett's staff; and

26 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee began work at the Commission of
27 Budget and Accounting in January 1960 during the administration of
28 Governor Ross Barnett and continued his career there until April

29 1965, at which time he moved from Jackson to Port Gibson to serve
30 as Assistant Plant Comptroller for Allied Chemical Company and
31 subsequently Oliver Electric Company; and

32 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee returned to work at the Commission
33 of Budget and Accounting in 1968 as chief accountant and in 1973
34 was promoted to deputy director and went on to work a total of 23
35 years for the Commission of Budget and Accounting; and

36 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee continued his service to the
37 Legislature upon the abolishment of the Commission of Budget and
38 Accounting in July 1984 by accepting the position of Fiscal
39 Control Officer with the newly created Joint Legislative Budget
40 Committee and Legislative Budget Office; and

41 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee was promoted to Director of the
42 Legislative Budget Office in September 1984 and continued in this
43 important position for over 15 years until his retirement on
44 January 31, 2000; and

45 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee prepared two biennial and 15 annual
46 state budget recommendations for the Commission of Budget and
47 Accounting and prepared 16 annual state budget recommendations for
48 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee; and

49 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee has observed during his career with
50 the Legislature the State General Fund budget recommendation
51 increase from \$254 million for fiscal biennium 1962-1964 to \$3.6
52 billion for fiscal year 2000; and

53 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee was married to his wife, Mary Jane
54 Wilder, of Greenwood on August 29, 1959; and

55 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee and his wife, Mary Jane, are the
56 proud parents of three children, Susan Greenlee South of Spring,
57 Texas, Charles Wilder Greenlee of Ridgeland, Mississippi, and
58 Robert Michael Greenlee who died in 1984; and three grandchildren,
59 James Robert South, Amy Elise South and Charles Wilder Greenlee,
60 II; and

61 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee is a member of Port Gibson United
62 Methodist Church where he serves as a teacher for an adult Sunday
63 School class; and

64 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee served for six years in the
65 Mississippi Air National Guard from 1959 to 1965 as an Airman

66 First Class, and

67 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee has served as a member of the Board
68 of Directors of the Mississippi Southern Bank of Port Gibson since
69 1988 and is a member of the bank's finance committee; and

70 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee is a member of the National
71 Association of State Budget Officers, which bestowed upon him in
72 May 1999 an honorary membership in recognition of his
73 contributions to state budgeting and in appreciation for his
74 service to the association; and

75 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee has been instrumental in the
76 development of important measures to strengthen the state budget
77 process, including the Budget Reform Act of 1992 which limited
78 appropriations to 98% of available funds and which created the
79 General Fund Stabilization Reserve that today has a balance of
80 over \$235 million; and

81 WHEREAS, Robert Greenlee has been an exceptionally qualified
82 and dedicated public servant who has devoted 39 years of his life
83 in service to the Legislature and the State of Mississippi and has
84 provided sound advice and counsel to legislators and state
85 agencies and institutions throughout this period:

86 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
87 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
88 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Robert A. Greenlee for his
89 outstanding service to the Legislature of the State of
90 Mississippi.

91 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
92 provided to Robert A. Greenlee and to members of the Mississippi
93 Capitol Press Corps.