

By: Peranich, Fredericks

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 85
(As Adopted by House)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. EDNA K. BOONE FOR HER
2 MANY OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Edna K. Boone has devoted most of her
4 professional and civic career to the cause of equal rights and
5 opportunity, particularly to those issues related to education;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, after graduating from Moss Point High School, Mrs.
8 Boone furthered her education at Millsaps College, earning a
9 bachelor's degree in English, and the University of Southern
10 Mississippi, where she earned a master's degree in adult
11 education; and

12 WHEREAS, after serving 14 years as a public school English
13 teacher, YWCA youth program director and kindergarten teacher,
14 Mrs. Boone moved to Washington, D.C., where she began working as
15 the Assistant Director for LAOS, Inc., an ecumenical social
16 justice agency; and

17 WHEREAS, during her employment with the LAOS, Inc., Mrs.
18 Boone was actively involved in the Methodist Church, the civil
19 rights movement, the peace movement and the women's movement; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Boone returned to Mississippi in the 1980's and
21 in 1984, designed, developed and directed a nationally recognized
22 model training program for displaced homemakers on the Jackson
23 County Campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1985, Mrs. Boone was hired by Mississippi Gulf
25 Coast Community College in Gulfport, Mississippi, where she
26 provided the Gulf Coast community with a vision for improved

27 educational, employment and economic opportunities for displaced
28 homemakers; and

29 WHEREAS, as coordinator of the New Horizons Program at the
30 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Mrs. Boone has served
31 thousands of adults, providing educational, career and personal
32 counseling; basic skills and GED classes; workshops and short
33 courses on life skills, employability skills and career
34 exploration; access to scholarships and financial aid; crisis
35 intervention and hope and encouragement; and

36 WHEREAS, in addition, Mrs. Boone codeveloped the Opportunity
37 Seminar and accompanying manual, a personal and professional
38 development short course; and

39 WHEREAS, Mrs. Boone also codeveloped and sponsors the annual
40 Gulf Coast Women of Achievement Awards and the Women in Science
41 and Technology Conference, which encourages high school girls to
42 achieve their career potential; and

43 WHEREAS, in 1990, Mrs. Boone joined the American Association
44 of University Women (AAUW), an organization designed to promote
45 education and equity for women and girls through research,
46 fellowships and grants, activism, voter education and support for
47 sex discrimination lawsuits; and

48 WHEREAS, Mrs. Boone was appointed the first state chair of
49 the Initiative for Equity in Education of AAUW, requiring her to
50 coordinate the Mississippi Roundtable on Gender Equity in
51 Education: Shortchanging Girls; Shortchanging America, an event
52 which was recognized at the National Convention of AAUW that year
53 with an honorable mention for excellence in visibility; and

54 WHEREAS, as a member of AAUW-Gulf Coast, Mrs. Boone has
55 served as Equity Chair, Public Policy Chair and currently serves
56 as President; and

57 WHEREAS, Mrs. Boone has made numerous contributions to her
58 community including her founding membership in ALPS, a coalition
59 of literacy providers and volunteers on the Coast; and

60 WHEREAS, in addition, Mrs. Boone has served or currently
61 serves on many advisory boards such as Gulf Coast Women's Center,
62 Moore Community House, IAM Cares, USM-Gulf Park School of Social
63 Work, The Family Self-Sufficiency Program, Harrison County

64 Extension Service and the Center for Non-Profits; and

65 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
66 and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mrs. Edna K. Boone,
67 who has devoted her life to improving the quality of education and
68 life for so many people:

69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
70 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
71 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mrs. Edna K. Boone for her many
72 outstanding accomplishments and extend heartiest wishes for
73 success in all her future endeavors.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
75 furnished to Mrs. Edna K. Boone and to the members of the Capitol
76 Press Corps.