

By: Nicholson, Bailey, Eakes, Livingston, To: Rules
Malone, Moody, Reeves, Smith (27th), Stringer

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 99
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. EDDIE M. SMITH UPON
2 HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of East Central
4 Community College, will retire at the end of the 1999-2000 school
5 year; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith, a native of Hernando, Mississippi,
7 attended the public schools of Jackson and Noxapater, graduating
8 from Noxapater High School in 1961; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith furthered his education at several state
10 institutions of higher learning including earning an A.A. Degree
11 in General Education from East Central Junior College, receiving a
12 Bachelor's Degree in Science Education and a Master's Degree in
13 Science Education from Mississippi State University and earning a
14 Doctorate Degree in Higher Education Administration and
15 Supervision from the University of Southern Mississippi; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith began his teaching career in the
17 Natchez-Adams Public Schools, teaching biology, chemistry,
18 advanced biology and earth science, and in 1969, he became
19 Assistant Principal of the South Natchez-Adams High School; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1970, Dr. Smith began working for the University
21 of Southern Mississippi in Natchez as a college professor and
22 Director of Academic Affairs; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1972, Dr. Smith was named Campus Director of
24 Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, the Natchez Campus and was named
25 Dean of the Natchez Campus in 1975; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1985, Dr. Smith was named President of East

27 Central Community College in Decatur, Mississippi, where he has
28 served for the past 15 years; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has been an outstanding member of his
30 community and participated in various church and civic
31 organizations including Clark-Venable Baptist Church, the Decatur
32 Lions Club, the Wesson Baptist Church, Parkway Baptist Church, the
33 Natchez Kiwanis Club, the Wesson Lions Club, Newton County
34 Community Concert Board, Bobashela District Boy Scouts of America
35 Board of Directors and the American Cancer Society; and

36 WHEREAS, in addition to his community service, Dr. Smith has
37 been a member of numerous professional organizations such as the
38 Mississippi Education Association, the Mississippi Science
39 Teachers Association, the Mississippi Association of Colleges, the
40 Mississippi Association of School Administrators, the Mississippi
41 Public Junior College Deans' Association, the Commission on
42 Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the
43 Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and many
44 more; and

45 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has received various awards and honors
46 throughout his career including being named as Outstanding Young
47 Educator, Outstanding Young Man of America, East Central Community
48 College Alumnus of the Year and being presented the National
49 Leadership Award by the College of Education, University of Texas
50 at Austin, and the Phi Theta Kappa Bennett Award of Distinction,
51 and also being honored by the naming of the Eddie M. Smith Student
52 Union of East Central Community College; and

53 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has been lovingly supported in all his
54 endeavors by his wife, Charlotte, and his two children, Kelli and
55 Wendy; and

56 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
57 and pay special tribute to remarkable educators and administrators
58 such as Dr. Eddie M. Smith, who has provided outstanding
59 educational leadership to the young people of our state, who are

60 its future:

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
62 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
63 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Eddie M.
64 Smith, President of East Central Community College, upon his
65 retirement and express our deepest appreciation for his services
66 as an outstanding educator and administrator to the State of
67 Mississippi.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
69 furnished to Dr. Eddie M. Smith and to the members of the Capitol
70 Press Corps.