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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. GEORGE M. HARMON FOR HIS MANY
2 OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS PRESIDENT OF MILLSAPS COLLEGE AND
3 CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. George M. Harmon will be retiring as President
5 of Millsaps College on July 1, 2000; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Harmon furthered his education with a Bachelor's
7 Degree from Rhodes College, a Master's Degree in business from
8 Emory University, and his Doctorate in Business Administration
9 from Harvard University; and

10 WHEREAS, as the ninth President of Millsaps College, Dr.
11 Harmon has initiated many positive changes and improvements since
12 his arrival in 1978; and

13 WHEREAS, since 1985, Millsaps College has been listed by the
14 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as one of only
15 162 national liberal arts colleges in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, for the past two years, Millsaps has been ranked in
17 the top half of all national liberal arts colleges as designated
18 by *U.S. News & World Report*; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Harmon has been instrumental in almost doubling
20 the full-time faculty from 54 to just under 100; increasing the
21 endowment from \$5 million to more than \$93 million; increasing the
22 college's economic impact in the community by growing the
23 operating budget from \$5 million to \$36 million; and expanding
24 enrollment from 850 to 1400 students; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Harmon's vision has led Millsaps into new areas
26 of service, while the institution remains committed to the quality

27 long associated with over 100 years of academic excellence; and

28 WHEREAS, under Dr. Harmon's leadership, Millsaps has
29 developed a critically acclaimed core liberal arts curriculum that
30 has been modeled by many other institutions; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Harmon also was a vital part of the creation of
32 the Else School of Management that offers a Master of Business
33 Administration and Accounting degrees; and

34 WHEREAS, in addition, Dr. Harmon helped Millsaps receive the
35 Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, which is the highest and most
36 selective liberal arts academic honorary in the country; and

37 WHEREAS, before arriving at Millsaps, Dr. Harmon was the Dean
38 of the Business School at Saginaw Valley University and has held
39 teaching, research and administrative positions in the West
40 Virginia College of Graduate Studies, Rhodes College, Syracuse
41 University and Harvard University; and

42 WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Dr. Harmon
43 currently serves on the University Senate of the United Methodist
44 Church and is on the Executive Board and Past Chairman of the
45 Jackson Medical and Education District; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
47 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend outstanding
48 educational administrators such as Dr. Harmon, who has dedicated
49 over 20 years to improving the quality of education at Millsaps
50 College:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
53 commend Dr. George M. Harmon for his many years of outstanding
54 service to Millsaps College and congratulate him upon his
55 retirement.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
57 furnished to Dr. George M. Harmon and to the members of the
58 Capitol Press Corps.