

By: Representatives Nettles, Myers, Rushing

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR.
2 CHARLES MARTIN DUNAGIN UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Martin Dunagin, currently publisher of
4 the *McComb Enterprise-Journal*, is retiring after more than 40
5 years in journalism; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunagin, born on June 9, 1935, in Hattiesburg,
7 Mississippi, graduated from Petal High School and earned a
8 bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Mississippi
9 in 1957; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunagin began his newspaper career with the
11 *Jackson State-Times* in February 1957, as a general assignments
12 reporter; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunagin later served as city hall, courthouse
14 and federal building reporter, state editor and at the time the
15 newspaper ceased operation in 1962, was city editor; and

16 WHEREAS, for a brief period in 1962, he worked as a reporter
17 on the *Jacksonville Journal* in Florida, covering the police and
18 doing general assignments; and

19 WHEREAS, following that, Mr. Dunagin was assistant editor of
20 the *Hattiesburg American* before moving to McComb as managing
21 editor in July of 1963, and in August 1978, he became editor of
22 the newspaper; and

23 WHEREAS, as former President of the Mississippi Press
24 Association, Mr. Dunagin has influenced many newspaper careers
25 over the years; and

26 WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Dunagin is a
27 deacon at First Baptist Church of McComb, a former president of
28 the McComb Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, the Pike County
29 United Way, Pike County Arts Council, Pike County Economic
30 Development District Trustees and the Mississippi-Louisiana
31 Associated Press; and

32 WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Dunagin has served on the Board of
33 Directors of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association and is
34 a member of the Sigma Delta Chi Journalism Society and the
35 American Society of Newspaper Editors; and

36 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunagin has received numerous awards throughout
37 his long and distinguished career including the Silver Em from the
38 Mississippi Scholastic Press Association at Ole Miss, the Silver
39 Inky award from the Mississippi University for Women and the
40 Student Printz Mississippi Medalist award from the University of
41 Southern Mississippi; and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
43 and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Dunagin, who
44 has dedicated his career to informing the citizens of the State of
45 Mississippi:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
48 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Charles
49 Martin Dunagin upon his retirement and wish him continued success
50 in all his future endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
52 furnished to Mr. Charles Martin Dunagin and to the members of the
53 Capitol Press Corps.