

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.