HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING ARTHUR STANLEY DEARMAN UPON HIS SUCCESSFUL CAREER AS EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF THE NESHOBA DEMOCRAT.

WHEREAS, Arthur Stanley Dearman was named editor of The Neshoba Democrat on November 15, 1966, and has served longer than any other editor since the paper's founding in August 1881; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dearman was born July 24, 1932, in the Whynot community of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, the son of the late Jesse Arthur Dearman and Gertrude Edwards Dearman; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Meridian High School in 1950, Mr. Dearman attended Meridian Junior College for one year before entering the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, during the Korean Conflict, Mr. Dearman was stationed for three years in Hawaii and for one year in California; and

WHEREAS, following his military service to his country, Mr. Dearman completed his second year at Meridian Junior College; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Mr. Dearman entered the University of Mississippi, where he graduated with degrees in English and journalism; and

WHEREAS, while in school at Ole Miss, Mr. Dearman was elected editor of the student newspaper, The Mississippian, today known as The Daily Mississippian; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from college, Mr. Dearman worked on The Meridian Star as a reporter and photographer in general assignments and later as state editor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dearman has been an active civic leader and supporter of education, and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the House of Representatives of the Mississippi Legislature do hereby commend and honor Arthur Stanley Dearman upon his successful career as editor and publisher of the Neshoba Democrat.
WHEREAS, Mr. Dearman served as managing editor of The Neshoba Democrat from November 1966 until February 1968, when he purchased the paper from August G. Eckert and Phyllis Eckert Weber of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, after 44 years of editing and publishing, Mr. Dearman sold The Neshoba Democrat on August 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Dearman, whose long and distinguished career in journalism has kept the people of Neshoba County fully informed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mr. Arthur Stanley Dearman on his successful career as editor and publisher of The Neshoba Democrat and extend our heartiest wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Mr. Arthur Stanley Dearman and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.