HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 125

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. JUDSON A. "BUD" THIGPEN, JR., AND
EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS
PASSING.

WHEREAS, Mr. Judson A. "Bud" Thigpen, Jr., departed this life
on Tuesday, February 20, 2001, causing a great loss to his family
and friends upon his passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thigpen was a lifelong resident of Bolivar
County, Mississippi, whose father, J.A. Thigpen, Sr., and
grandfather, S.F. Thigpen, Sr., served in the Mississippi
Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thigpen followed in his family's footsteps
serving two terms in the Mississippi House of Representatives from
1964 to 1972, representing the citizens of Bolivar County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thigpen served the citizens with great pride and
distinction, taking an integral part in such far-reaching
legislation as the creation of the Mississippi Research and
Development Center, funding the massive Ingalls Shipbuilding
Division of Litton Industries, establishment of the Central Data
Processing Authority, development of Yellow Creek Port and the
creation of the Soybean Promotion Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thigpen served as the first Chairman of the
Central Data Processing Authority, which was organized in 1970,
and served as a member of the Capitol Commission from 1968 to
1972; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thigpen was highly respected and admired by
House members and staff with whom he worked, for his remarkable
knowledge of the legislative process, keen insight into the
complex issues facing the State of Mississippi, fairness and
forthright approach in dealing with problems, engaging sense of
humor and loyalty and devotion to the legislative branch of
government; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thigpen is survived by his wife of 47 years,
Betty Nichols Thigpen; four children, Judson A. Thigpen, III,
Forest Thigpen, Dianne Thigpen Little and Amy Thigpen Streetman;
seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and accomplishments of
Mr. Judson A. "Bud" Thigpen, Jr., and express our deepest sympathy
to his family and friends upon his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
furnished to the family of Mr. Judson A. "Bud" Thigpen, Jr., and
to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.