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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. MORGAN FREEMAN FOR HIS
2 OUTSTANDING CAREER AS AN ACTOR.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan Freeman, a native of Mississippi, is one
4 of the most successful and highly respected actors in the
5 entertainment industry; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman, born in Memphis, Tennessee, on June 1,
7 1937, graduated from high school in Greenwood, Mississippi, in May
8 of 1955; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Mr. Freeman moved
10 to California to study dance and theatre arts at Los Angeles City
11 College; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1967, Mr. Freeman made his Broadway debut with
13 Pearl Bailey in "Hello Dolly!"; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman became nationally known when he created
15 the popular character, "Easy Reader" on the highly praised
16 children's show, "The Electric Company"; and

17 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Freeman has received many
18 awards for many of his performances including a Tony Award, the
19 Clarence Derwent Award, Drama Desk Award, Obie Award, the
20 Dramalogue Award and many others; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman has not only been successful in
22 television and the theatre, but has a long list of film credits
23 which include movies such as "Brubaker," "Eyewitness," "Harry &
24 Sons," "Teachers," "Clean & Sober," "Johnny Handsome," "Glory,"
25 and "Chain Reaction"; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman won the Los Angeles, New York and
27 National Society of Film Critics Awards for best supporting actor
28 and was nominated for an Academy Award and Golden Globe Award for
29 his performance in "Street Smarts"; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman also starred in the popular movie,
31 "Driving Miss Daisy," for which he won his second Academy Award
32 nomination, won the Golden Globe Award and The Silver Bear for
33 best actor at the Berlin Film Festival; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman was seen in the David Brown production
35 and thriller, "Kiss the Girls"; starred in the Steven Speilberg
36 production, "Amistad," as abolitionist Theodore Jackson; took the
37 lead in Paramount's adventure film "Hard Rain," opposite Christian
38 Slater; played the President of the United States in the box
39 office hit, "Deep Impact"; and starred in "Nurse Betty" along with
40 Renee Zellweger and Chris Rock; and

41 WHEREAS, in November 2000, Mr. Freeman began shooting his
42 next thriller, "High Crimes" with Ashley Judd in San Francisco,
43 California; and

44 WHEREAS, in 1993, Mr. Freeman made his film directorial debut
45 with "Bopha!," starring Danny Glover and Alfre Woodard, and soon
46 after formed Revelations Entertainment, a production company
47 developing entertainment product in all existing and emerging
48 media; and

49 WHEREAS, most recently, Mr. Freeman has partnered with Bill
50 Lockett in the restaurant business as the two opened the upscale
51 restaurant called Madidi in the old 8000 square foot Landry's
52 building located in downtown Clarksdale, Mississippi; and

53 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
54 and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Freeman, whose
55 long and distinguished career brings great pride to the State of
56 Mississippi:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING

59 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Morgan
60 Freeman upon his successful career as an actor and express our
61 heartiest wishes for continued success in all his future
62 endeavors.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
64 furnished to Mr. Morgan Freeman and to the members of the Capitol
65 Press Corps.