

By: Representative Martinson

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND  
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHIEF JIMMY L. DUKES AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST  
3 SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Chief Jimmy L. Dukes of Flora, Mississippi, departed  
5 this life on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, causing great sorrow and  
6 loss to his family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Dukes, former Director of the Mississippi  
8 Bureau of Narcotics, was a native of Jackson, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Dukes began his long and distinguished career  
10 in law enforcement in 1965 with the Clinton Police Department,  
11 serving there 20 years before assuming the position as Interim  
12 Chief of the Madison Police Department in 1985 and ultimately  
13 Chief of Police for Madison in 1986; and

14 WHEREAS, Chief Dukes served as Chief of Police for Madison  
15 until 1991, when he accepted the position of Director for the  
16 Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics; and

17 WHEREAS, credited with the transformation of the Madison  
18 Police Department, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of  
19 Madison, in recognition of his outstanding leadership and  
20 countless contributions to the city's law enforcement, by  
21 resolution, designated its municipal courtroom as the "Jimmy L.  
22 Dukes Courtroom," in honor and appreciation of Chief Dukes; and

23 WHEREAS, a hard worker and serious man by nature, Chief Dukes  
24 will also be remembered for occasionally allowing his sense of  
25 humor to emerge; and



26           WHEREAS, upon his move to Flora, Mississippi, Chief Dukes  
27 united with and remained a faithful member of the First Baptist  
28 Church of Flora; and

29           WHEREAS, Chief Dukes is survived by his wife, Anna Thomas  
30 Dukes; his daughter, Kristen Mitchell; his son, Kevin Dukes; three  
31 grandchildren, Victoria Turner, William Turner and Mattie Dukes;  
32 his mother, Jesse Dukes; his sister, Paulette Hickman; and two  
33 brothers, Don Dukes and Charles Dukes; and

34           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
35 and pay special tribute to such outstanding Mississippians as  
36 Chief Jimmy L. Dukes, a remarkable citizen who dedicated his life  
37 to preserving the safety of his fellowman and epitomizing the  
38 highest standards of law enforcement professionalism:

39           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
41 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and accomplishments of  
42 Chief Jimmy L. Dukes and express our deepest sympathy to his  
43 family and friends upon his passing.

44           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
45 furnished to the family of Chief Jimmy L. Dukes and to the members  
46 of the Capitol Press Corps.

