

By: Representative McCoy

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING WILLIAM ANDREW CANNON FOR  
2 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY, BOTH DURING WORLD WAR II AND  
3 IN CIVILIAN SERVICE THEREAFTER.

4 WHEREAS, William Andrew Cannon, longtime resident of  
5 Mississippi, was born on August 25, 1920, in Sweeny, Texas, moving  
6 to Corinth, Mississippi, at the age of two; and

7 WHEREAS, after graduating from Corinth in 1938, Mr. Cannon  
8 attended Western Kentucky University School of Business in Bowling  
9 Green, Kentucky, from 1938 to 1941; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon, in 1941, after completing his studies in  
11 Bowling Green, became a managing partner of the Van Bibber Lumber  
12 Plant situated in Fulton, Mississippi, before joining the United  
13 States Air Force to serve in World War II; and

14 WHEREAS, during the service to his nation, Mr. Cannon, a  
15 pilot with the 463rd Bombardment Group, served as 1st Lieutenant  
16 while stationed in Foggia, Italy, from 1943 to 1946; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon, along with the personnel of the 463rd  
18 Bombardment Group, exhibited commendable efficiency in skill,  
19 devotion, courage and determination while facing intense enemy  
20 opposition, flying gallantly through in wing formation to reach  
21 their designated target; and

22 WHEREAS, receiving a honorable discharge as 1st Lieutenant in  
23 May 1946, Mr. Cannon received a Second War Department Unit  
24 Citation for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of  
25 duty in military operation against the enemy; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon, upon being discharged in 1946, returned  
27 to the Van Bibber Lumber Plant in Fulton serving as a partner



28 until 1954 before joining the Department of Defense in 1955,  
29 working as Maintenance Control Engineer for Public Works at the  
30 Naval Support Facility until 1983; and

31 WHEREAS, in 1983, Mr. Cannon joined the Naval Communications  
32 Mediterranean as Facility Manager, retiring from that post on  
33 March 31, 1990; and

34 WHEREAS, having received numerous awards for active service,  
35 Mr. Cannon, at the time of his retirement received the Department  
36 of Navy's Meritorious Award for Civilian Service and a  
37 commendation certificate for 38 years of devoted service to the  
38 United States government; and

39 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon's patriotic leadership, work ethic,  
40 congenial nature, constructive attitude, dedication to his  
41 country, and his forthright manner has made a positive impact on  
42 all those who have had the pleasure of knowing him; and

43 WHEREAS, having retired to Booneville, Mississippi, where he  
44 has been an avid golfer, Mr. Cannon has been loved and motivated  
45 by a supportive family, which consists of: his loving wife, Lucy  
46 de Forcade Cannon; his son, Fred; his daughter, Tina Jennie; and  
47 his six grandchildren, Carlo, Crystel, Francesco, Elena, Lauren  
48 and Guglielimo; and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
50 and commend excellence in outstanding citizens such as Mr. Cannon,  
51 whose patriotic fervency and love for this nation have been  
52 exhibited through his distinguished service to the United States  
53 during World War II:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
56 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mr. William Andrew Cannon for  
57 the meritorious service he provided this nation during World War  
58 II and his civilian service thereafter.



59           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
60 furnished to Mr. William Andrew Cannon and the members of the  
61 Capitol Press Corps.

