

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING JUDGE MICHAEL P. MILLS ON
2 HIS APPOINTMENT AS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN
3 DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, on September 4, 2001, President George W. Bush
5 nominated Michael P. Mills to be United States District Judge for
6 the Northern District of Mississippi; on October 11, 2001, Judge
7 Mills was confirmed by the United States Senate and on October 16,
8 2001, he received his commission; and

9 WHEREAS, Mike Mills served as a Mississippi Supreme Court
10 Justice from 1995 to 2001 and as a member of the Mississippi House
11 of Representatives from 1984 to 1995; and

12 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a member of the Mississippi
13 House of Representatives, Mike Mills served as Chairman of the
14 Judiciary "A" and Judiciary En Banc Committees, authoring numerous
15 judicial improvements including the White Collar Crime Act, the
16 Statewide Grand Jury Act and the 1994 Court Reform Act which
17 created the Intermediate Court of Appeals and update circuit and
18 chancery court procedures; and

19 WHEREAS, Judge Mills graduated from Itawamba Agricultural
20 High School in 1974, received his A.A. degree from Itawamba
21 Community College in 1976, received his B.A. degree from the
22 University of Mississippi in 1978, received his J.D. degree from
23 the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1980 and received
24 his L.L.M. degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in
25 2001; and



26 WHEREAS, before becoming a judge, he enjoyed a successful
27 career as a practicing attorney in Monroe and Itawamba Counties;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, in addition to a vast knowledge of the law, Judge
30 Mills is an ardent enthusiast of the Blues, studying and lecturing
31 on this art form which has its roots in his beloved Mississippi
32 and learning to play the songs of his favorite artists; and

33 WHEREAS, Judge Mills has been published in several legal
34 journals and his short story "There's Pow'r in the Blood" received
35 an award in the 2001 Tallahatchie Riverfest William Faulkner
36 Writing Competition; and

37 WHEREAS, Judge Mills is a Fellow of the Mississippi Bar
38 Foundation and a member of the American Bar Association and he is
39 a former commissioner on the National Conference of Commissioners
40 on Uniform State Laws; and

41 WHEREAS, Judge Mills is married to the former Mona Robinson
42 and they are the proud parents of Alysson, Chip, Rebekah and Penn;
43 and

44 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
45 commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the exemplary
46 accomplishments of an outstanding jurist such as Judge Michael P.
47 Mills:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
50 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Judge Michael
51 P. Mills on his appointment as United States District Judge for
52 the Northern District of Mississippi.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
54 furnished to Judge Michael P. Mills and to the members of the
55 Capitol Press Corps.

