

By: Representatives Barnett (92nd), Brown

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 126

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING SPEAKER TIM FORD UPON  
2 RECEIVING THE WILLIAM M. BULGER EXCELLENCE IN STATE LEGISLATIVE  
3 LEADERSHIP AWARD.

4 WHEREAS, Mississippi Speaker of the House Tim Ford was chosen  
5 as the first Speaker to receive the William M. Bulger Excellence  
6 in State Legislative Leadership Award, which was presented at the  
7 2001 National Conference of State Legislatures Annual Meeting; and

8 WHEREAS, the award honors William M. Bulger, who served 35  
9 years as a State Legislator in Massachusetts, and it is given  
10 annually to a leader who has made significant contributions to the  
11 performance, strengthening and operation of his or her legislative  
12 institution; and

13 WHEREAS, the prestigious award is given jointly by the State  
14 Legislative Leaders Foundation, the Council of State Governments  
15 and the National Conference of State Legislatures; and

16 WHEREAS, now in his fourth term as Speaker of the House,  
17 Speaker Ford has the second longest tenure of any speaker serving  
18 in the country; and

19 WHEREAS, his love and respect for the institution is  
20 evidenced by the diligent and fair manner in which he presides  
21 over the House, using his congenial nature and gentle sense of  
22 humor to diffuse tense moments during debate; and

23 WHEREAS, he demonstrated his respect for the institution in  
24 his courageous and successful fight against legislative term  
25 limits on two occasions during his tenure as Speaker; and



26           WHEREAS, as part of the award, Speaker Ford received a  
27 \$10,000 donation to a charity of his choice, which was donated to  
28 the Blair Batson Children's Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi; and

29           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
30 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by one of our  
31 state's top leaders:

32           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
33 REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby  
34 commend and congratulate Speaker Tim Ford upon receiving the 2001  
35 William M. Bulger Excellence in State Legislative Leadership Award  
36 and express our appreciation for his many contributions to the  
37 State of Mississippi.

38           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
39 furnished to Speaker Tim Ford and to the members of the Capitol  
40 Press Corps.

