

By: Representative Ketchings

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CITY OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI,  
2 UPON BEING NAMED THE MOST LIVABLE SMALL CITY IN THE UNITED STATES.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Natchez was named the most livable small  
4 city in America by the United States Conference of Mayors; and

5 WHEREAS, this tremendous recognition given to the City of  
6 Natchez speaks well of the city's government, both past and  
7 present, for what has been done to make the quality of life better  
8 for citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, the City of Natchez contributes the success of its  
10 national acclaim to Large Unused Municipal Properties (LUMPS), a  
11 city created program developed in 1993, geared to refurbishing and  
12 utilizing vacant public buildings; and

13 WHEREAS, competing with dozens of cities in the category of  
14 100,000 in population and below, the City of Natchez, with an  
15 approximate population of 18,000, faired better because of the  
16 countless hours spent and the unity of people who would have  
17 otherwise not been provided the opportunity to work together; and

18 WHEREAS, the winning application which was written by David  
19 Preziosi, City Planner for Natchez, articulated the superlative  
20 ability of the LUMPS program to preserve the history of both the  
21 property and the city; and

22 WHEREAS, the City of Natchez has been the recipient of many  
23 similar awards in the past, but because of the national acclaim  
24 that follows this award, the government and citizenry of Natchez  
25 place great value on such a prominent recognition; and

26 WHEREAS, in its winning application, as submitted by Mr.  
27 Preziosi, only a small segment of completed LUMPS projects were



28 listed, including: the City of Natchez Council Chamber, the  
29 Natchez Police and Municipal Court Facility, the Oak Towers  
30 Domestic Violence Shelter, the Margaret Martin Performing Arts  
31 Center, and the Natchez Museum of African American History and  
32 Culture; and

33 WHEREAS, upon receiving the national recognition associated  
34 with its new title as the United States' Most Livable Small City,  
35 the City of Natchez has bestowed great honor and prestige upon its  
36 residents and domiciliaries, the State of Mississippi and its many  
37 citizens; and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of  
39 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend the vast  
40 accomplishments made by the City of Natchez, whose beacon of  
41 historic preservation and ambiance of citywide improvement has  
42 established a model for state and nation to follow:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
45 commend and congratulate the City of Natchez, Mississippi, on  
46 being named the United States' Most Livable Small City and extend  
47 to it our heartiest wishes for continuous success.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
49 furnished to the Mayor of the City of Natchez, the Natchez Chamber  
50 of Commerce and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

