

By: Representative Smith (35th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. JOHN M. PERKINS FOR HIS MANY
2 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. John M. Perkins, a sharecropper's son who grew
4 up in Mississippi amidst dire poverty, fled to California at the
5 young age of 17 after the murder of his older brother; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1960, after his conversion to Christ, Dr. Perkins
7 returned to his childhood home to share the Gospel of Christ with
8 many people; and

9 WHEREAS, despite dropping out of school in the third grade,
10 Dr. Perkins has been recognized for his work with seven honorary
11 doctorates from Wheaton College, Gordon College, Huntington
12 College, Spring Arbor College, Geneva College, Northpark College
13 and Belhaven College; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout his almost 40 years of ministry to the
15 poor and needy, Dr. Perkins has founded or cofounded numerous
16 organizations such as Mendenhall Ministries, Voice of Calvary
17 Ministries, Harambee Christian Family Center, Christian Community
18 Development Association and Harambee Preparatory School; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1992, Dr. Perkins began publishing URBAN FAMILY
20 magazine in response to the increasing violence within our inner
21 city, as well as the breakdown of urban families and communities;
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23 WHEREAS, Dr. Perkins outspoken support and leadership role in
24 civil rights demonstrations resulted in repeated harassment,
25 imprisonment and beatings; and



26 WHEREAS, Dr. Perkins is an international speaker and teacher
27 on issues of racial reconciliation, leadership and community
28 development; and

29 WHEREAS, currently, Dr. Perkins serves as President of John
30 M. Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation and Development and
31 Chairman of the Board for the Christian Community Development
32 Association; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
34 recognize and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Dr. John
35 Perkins, who has dedicated his life to improving the quality of
36 life of hundreds of Mississippians:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
39 commend Dr. John M. Perkins for his many years of outstanding
40 community service and express our heartiest wishes for success in
41 all his future endeavors.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
43 furnished to Dr. John M. Perkins and to the members of the Capitol
44 Press Corps.

