

By: Representatives Eaton, Ishee

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 62

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING BOB BLACK FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF
2 DISTINGUISHED AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO SMITH COUNTY.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Bob Black, an exceptional model of citizenship
4 and humanitarianism, has made many outstanding contributions to
5 the citizens of Smith County, Mississippi; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Black, the son of Anselem and Helen Black, was
7 born on September 23, 1924, in Jones County, Mississippi, and
8 attended the public schools of Jones County; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from Sandersville High School in
10 1943, Mr. Black registered with the local draft board, enlisting
11 himself in the United States Navy; and

12 WHEREAS, after serving one year with the U.S. Navy in Europe,
13 where he witnessed the Normandy Invasion, Mr. Black returned to
14 the mainland, United States, and re-enlisted with the U.S. Marine
15 Corps; and

16 WHEREAS, after completing boot camp, Mr. Black was stationed
17 on active duty in Hawaii, before being deployed with other
18 regimental members to the Battle of Iwo Jima, where he witnessed
19 the two historic raisings of the United States flag; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Black, during his military service, performed
21 operational tasks at Hiroshima and Nagasaki following the bombing
22 attacks and specialized in medical care throughout his years of
23 service during World War II; and

24 WHEREAS, upon returning to life as a civilian, Mr. Black
25 enrolled and later graduated from Mississippi State University
26 with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture education; and



27 WHEREAS, Mr. Black united in holy matrimony with the former
28 Peggy Huddleston on December 16, 1950, and to their union three
29 children, Janice, Ellen and Robbie were born; and

30 WHEREAS, having accepted a temporary position at Drew,
31 Mississippi, vacated by a teacher serving the United States in the
32 Korean conflict, Mr. Black later accepted a permanent position at
33 Taylorsville High School in 1954 as a vocational agriculture
34 instructor; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Black loyally served as an instructor of
36 vocational agriculture and advisor to the Taylorsville High School
37 Future Farmers of America Chapter from 1954 until his retirement
38 in 1991; and

39 WHEREAS, for his exhibition of diligence in the field of
40 vocational agriculture education, Mr. Black was inducted into the
41 Mississippi Vocational Agriculture Teachers Hall of Fame after his
42 retirement; and

43 WHEREAS, a loyal member of the Taylorsville Lions Club, Mr.
44 Black, also a faithful member of the Taylorsville First Baptist
45 Church, served as Youth Sunday School Teacher for many years and
46 has greatly influenced the moral and spiritual growth of the
47 church's youth; and

48 WHEREAS, Mr. Black continues to serve his community and
49 fellowman daily, assisting citizens with a variety of services,
50 from general household maintenance to yard and garden landscaping,
51 or performing any other tasks when called upon; and

52 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
53 the State of Mississippi to recognize and pay special tribute to
54 remarkable citizens such as Mr. Bob Black who continues to provide
55 outstanding educational lessons, outside as well as inside the
56 educational sector, to the many citizens of Smith County:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
59 commend Mr. Bob Black for his exceptional contributions and



60 dedicated service to this nation, the State of Mississippi and its
61 citizens and extend to him our heartiest wishes for many more
62 years of good health, peace, happiness and success in all his
63 future endeavors.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to Mr. Bob Black and members of the Capitol Press Corps.

