

By: Senator(s) Huggins, Jordan, Harvey,  
Robertson, Canon, Smith, Thames, Dearing

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 80

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HARRY H. BONNER OF  
2 GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS  
3 GENERAL MANAGER OF DELTA ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION AND  
4 RECOGNIZING HIS LEGACY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, Harry Hall Bonner was born August 31, 1930, in  
6 Memphis, Tennessee, and moved to Greenwood, Mississippi, in 1940,  
7 attended Greenwood Public Schools and graduated in 1948 from  
8 Greenwood High School and thereafter received a Bachelor of  
9 Science Degree in Business Administration in 1952 from Delta State  
10 University; and

11 WHEREAS, upon graduation he was employed by C.I.T. Credit  
12 Corporation in Greenville, Mississippi, in 1952, was promoted to  
13 Division Office Credit Manager in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1955, and  
14 then promoted to Branch Manager of the Greenwood office in 1958;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, upon being offered the Memphis Branch Manager  
17 position of the corporation, Harry H. Bonner chose to remain in  
18 Greenwood and accepted the position of Office Manager at Delta  
19 Electric Power Association on January 16, 1961, was named  
20 Secretary-Treasurer of the association in 1973 and then in May  
21 1985 was selected General Manager by the association's board of  
22 directors; and

23 WHEREAS, Harry H. Bonner has been, and continues to be,  
24 active as a member of St. John's United Methodist Church, having  
25 served on the official board three separate terms, as a trustee  
26 from 1982 to 1984 and as chairman of various commissions and  
27 committees; and



28           WHEREAS, he also has actively participated as a member of the  
29 Greenwood-Leflore Chamber of Commerce since 1959, having served on  
30 the Executive Committee on two occasions, and was chosen the  
31 Outstanding Chamber Member in 1979, elected President in 1989 and  
32 was also instrumental in securing National Accreditation  
33 Certification for the Chamber of Commerce; and

34           WHEREAS, Harry H. Bonner, a Mason and Shriner, has worked  
35 actively and contributed as a member, officer and/or director of  
36 many civic and community organizations: the United Way, the  
37 Greenwood Foundation of the Arts, Chairman of the Annual Arts  
38 Festival, past Director and President of the Greenwood Country  
39 Club, Greenwood Lions Club member for forty-three years and  
40 Secretary-Treasurer for twenty-one years, and a member of the  
41 Greenwood-Leflore Industrial Board, the Greenwood Convention and  
42 Visitors Commission; and

43           WHEREAS, he also has served as a director of numerous state  
44 and national organizations: Mississippi Economic Council,  
45 Electric Power Associations of Mississippi, South Mississippi  
46 Electric Power Association and National Rural Electric Cooperative  
47 Association; and

48           WHEREAS, Harry H. Bonner served in many ways; he did so to  
49 improve his community and state for his fellow Mississippians, but  
50 more especially on behalf of his wife, the former Freida Tingle of  
51 Carrollton, Mississippi, his daughters, Dr. Judy Leake and Mrs.  
52 Sheila Bidwell, and his grandsons, Lee Bidwell and Bonner Hankins;  
53 and

54           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the career  
55 and dedicated public service of this fellow Mississippian:

56           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
57 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Harry H.  
58 Bonner of Greenwood, Mississippi, upon the occasion of his  
59 retirement as General Manager of Delta Electric Power Association,  
60 recognizing his legacy of community service to his community and



61 state, and wish him and his family success in their future  
62 endeavors.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
64 presented to Harry H. Bonner and his family, be forwarded to the  
65 Board of Directors of Delta Electric Association and be made  
66 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

