

By: Representative Perkins

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. JASPER NEELY, JR., AND EXPRESSING OUR
3 DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jasper Neely, Jr., a native of Grenada,
5 Mississippi, departed this life on Wednesday, January 29, 2003,
6 causing a great loss to his family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Neely, the firstborn child of the late Jasper
8 and Ethelean Neely-McNeal, was born on April 27, 1938; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from Carrie Dotson High School,
10 where he was named All Conference in high school football, Mr.
11 Neely attended Mississippi Valley State University, where he
12 received his training in marketing from Tennessee Walls School for
13 Marketing and completed a correspondence course in private
14 investigation from Western Private Investigation School in Los
15 Angeles, California; and

16 WHEREAS, at an early age, Mr. Neely confessed a hope in
17 Christ at which time he joined First New Hope Missionary Baptist
18 Church, where he remained a faithful member until his death; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Neely was united in matrimony to the former
20 Bettye Parker on June 2, 1963, and to this union two children were
21 born, Debra and Jeffrey; and

22 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Neely was employed with
23 Liberty Cash Supermarket, Universal Supply Company, the City of
24 Grenada Fire Department, the Grenada City Council and North
25 Mississippi Rural Legal Services; and

26 WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Neely served as President of the
27 Grenada Chapter of the NAACP for 32 years, participating in civil



28 rights marches, demonstrations and meetings all across the State
29 of Mississippi; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Neely also served as President of the Grenada
31 Concerned Citizen Committee, Vice President of the Grenada County
32 Voter's League, Chairman of the Delta-Hills Headstart Policy
33 Council and was also a member of the Masonic Lodge #89; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
35 and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Neely, who
36 dedicated his life to fighting for the civil rights of so many
37 people:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
40 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and accomplishments of
41 Mr. Jasper Neely, Jr., and express our heartfelt sympathy to his
42 family and friends upon his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to the family of Mr. Jasper Neely, Jr., and to the
45 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

