

By: Representative Wells-Smith

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 120

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. MARION R. WELLS ON HIS
2 RECEIPT OF THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY CAREER
3 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS IN
4 HIGHER EDUCATION FOR OVER FORTY YEARS.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Marion R. Wells was awarded the Career
6 Achievement Award in August of 2002 by the Middle Tennessee State
7 University (MTSU) Foundation for his profound contributions in the
8 areas of teaching, educational innovation, publication,
9 research/creative activity, public service, university service and
10 service to the higher education profession; and

11 WHEREAS, a native of Jackson, Mississippi, Dr. Wells is a
12 1955 graduate of Central High School; and

13 WHEREAS, after gaining his educational foundation in the
14 Jackson Public School System, Dr. Wells furthered his education at
15 the University of Memphis where he earned a bachelor of science in
16 chemistry in 1960, and a master of arts in biology in 1963, and in
17 1971, he earned a doctor of philosophy in zoology from Mississippi
18 State University; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Wells began his career in higher education, in
20 1963, as an instructor at Troy State University where he taught
21 for two years, and from 1964 through the present he has taught at
22 MTSU where he has progressed from an instructor, assistant
23 professor, associate professor, to a full-tenured professor; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Wells has served in various other areas in
25 higher education, such as a summer instructor at Mississippi State
26 University in 1970, a Research and Public Service Coordinator at
27 MTSU's College of Basic and Applied Sciences from 1974-1975 and as
28 MTSU's Associate Dean of the Graduate College from 1992-1995; and



29 WHEREAS, a distinguished pioneer in the scientific community,
30 Dr. Wells was the first to show and report that certain pesticides
31 can be decomposed in a freshwater flatworm and the liver of
32 certain fishes and reptiles and he was the first to show a method
33 or resistance to pesticides, at the cellular level, in fresh water
34 fishes collected from the Mississippi Delta; and

35 WHEREAS, Dr. Wells has been recognized for his work in higher
36 education and has received numerous awards, including the
37 Distinguished University Scientist Award from the Tennessee
38 Academy of Sciences in 1999, MTSU Presidential Merit Recognition
39 in 1994, MTSU CASE Professor of the Year, Carnegie Foundation in
40 1991 and 1992, MTSU Outstanding Research Award in 1984 and the
41 MTSU Outstanding Teacher Award in 1974; and

42 WHEREAS, although very active in academia, Dr. Wells has also
43 worked tirelessly in community organizations such as the Exchange
44 Club of Murfreesboro, Tennessee District Exchange Clubs, Noon
45 Exchange Club, Central Middle School Parent Teachers Club,
46 Community Care of Rutherford County, First Step Ministries and the
47 Middle Tennessee Choral Society; and

48 WHEREAS, due to his work in community organizations, Dr.
49 Wells has received honors, such as the Exchangite of the Year,
50 Outstanding Presidents' Award (National Exchange Clubs), Tennessee
51 District Exchange Bulletin Award and the Sprage Award for
52 Outstanding Exchange Club in Tennessee; and

53 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of
54 Mississippi to congratulate an individual, such as Dr. Marion R.
55 Wells, who has shared his knowledge with those in higher education
56 and has made overall contributions to the scientific community and
57 to overall society:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
59 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
60 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Marion R.
61 Wells on his receipt of the Middle Tennessee State University



62 Career Achievement Award and for his outstanding career
63 achievements in higher education for over forty years.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to Dr. Marion R. Wells and the Capitol Press Corps.

