

By: Representative Rogers

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MRS.
2 VELMA TILLMAN CHAMPION UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE FIELD OF
3 LIBRARIANSHIP AND FOR HER OUTSTANDING CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Velma Champion will retire from the field of
5 librarianship after 26 years of dedicated service to the people of
6 Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, a native of Raymond, Mississippi, Mrs. Champion is a
8 graduate of Tougaloo College where she earned a bachelor's degree
9 in psychology, and she earned a master's degree from the
10 University of Wisconsin in library science; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Champion has served as head reference librarian
12 and as an instructor of library science at Delta State University,
13 and she has served in various positions over a 26-year period at
14 the Mississippi Library Commission, where she rose from a
15 reference intern to information services branch director; and

16 WHEREAS, although very busy in her career in librarianship,
17 Mrs. Champion initiated the Mississippi Patent and Trademark
18 Depository Library Service, served as secretary of the Mississippi
19 Library Association (MLA) and as chair of the MLA's Special
20 Library Section, served as chair of the Central Mississippi
21 Library Council and served as a member of the Steering Committee
22 for the Mississippi Alliance for Gaining New Opportunities through
23 Library Information Access (MAGNOLIA); and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Champion was also key in helping to develop and
25 expand research services to state government agencies within
26 Mississippi, in particular the Legislature; and



27 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
28 commend a talented individual, such as Mrs. Champion, whose
29 monumental contributions to the field of librarianship have
30 enhanced the lives of the citizens of Mississippi:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
33 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Velma
34 Tillman Champion upon her retirement and for her legendary career
35 accomplishments in the field of librarianship and extend our
36 heartiest wishes for success in all her future endeavors.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
38 furnished to Mrs. Velma Champion, the Mississippi Library
39 Commission and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

