

By: Representative Hudson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JAMES W. HILL,
2 SR., UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE
3 LAWRENCE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY AND CAREER CENTER.

4 WHEREAS, longtime Lawrence County educator, James W. Hill,
5 Sr., has announced his retirement as Director of the Lawrence
6 County Technology and Career Center; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill is a native of Vicksburg, Warren County,
8 Mississippi, the son of the late Genora and Mamie Burks Hill and
9 received his early education in the Warren County-Vicksburg Public
10 Schools, where he graduated from Rosa A. Temple High School in
11 1959; and

12 WHEREAS, he graduated from Alcorn State University (Alcorn
13 A&M) in 1963 with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture
14 education, received a master's degree in agriculture education
15 from Tuskegee Institute in 1972, an endorsement in school
16 administration from Alcorn State University and pursued further
17 studies at Mississippi State University and the University of
18 Southern Mississippi; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill has been employed by the Lawrence County
20 School District for thirty-nine years, where he began his teaching
21 career in July 1964 as an agriculture teacher and was honored as
22 Vocational Agriculture Teacher of the Year by the Magnolia
23 Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill's career began to evolve when the district
25 promoted him from teacher to Title XX Coordinator in 1977, and he
26 was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Education in 1980,



27 during which time he served as Director of Personnel and
28 Technology and Career Education; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill was the first African-American elected
30 Alderman for the Town of Monticello and served in that position
31 for twelve years and has served on many political committees and
32 received a political award from the Lawrence County Branch of the
33 NAACP in 1986; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill is a lifetime member of the Alcorn State
35 University National Alumni Association, has organized and served
36 as President of the Monticello Alcorn Alumni Chapter for twenty
37 years and over his twenty years of recruiting for the University,
38 has sent many worthy and deserving students to Alcorn State
39 University; and

40 WHEREAS, as a dedicated alumnus, he has driven many of our
41 state representatives to the campus, emphasizing some of the needs
42 of the University, was selected "Distinguished Alumni,"
43 Presidential Citation, National Conference on Blacks in Higher
44 Education in 1990, was a member of the sixth class of inductees
45 into the Alcorn State University Hall of Honor in 1995, received
46 the 2000 Matthew "Matt" Thomas Outstanding Service Award and
47 Outstanding Service Award by the Monticello Alcorn Alumni Chapter,
48 and was elected Alcornite of the Year (2001) by the Alcorn
49 National Alumni Association; and

50 WHEREAS, his community/professional activities and honors
51 include: Advisory Board Member, AmSouth Bank; Chairman of the
52 Board, Family Health Care Clinics/Monticello, New Hebron,
53 Prentiss, Pelahatchie, Mendenhall and Brandon; Recipient of Family
54 Health Care Leadership Award; Chairman, Lawrence County Habitat
55 for Humanity; Honoree, E.M. Graham Award of Excellence, Lawrence
56 County Chamber of Commerce (1999-2000); Lifetime Member, NAACP;
57 Past Vice President, Lawrence County Branch; served on the
58 Resolution Committee of the National NAACP; one of the founders
59 and Secretary, Board of Directors for the Lawrence County



60 Educational and Recreational Association; Area Director's Award,
61 State of Mississippi, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Head Start
62 Award, Five County Child Development; Past Worshipful Master of
63 Monticello Lodge #348; and Patron of Williams Chapter #452,
64 O.E.S.; and

65 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill is a member of the Monticello First Baptist
66 Church, where he has served in many capacities and presently
67 serves as Deacon, Adult Sunday School Teacher and Senior Choir
68 Leader; and

69 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill is married to the former Savannah Burns
70 (married August 11, 1963) of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and to their
71 union were born two children: James, Jr., and Javannah Latrice
72 Hill-Moore; and two grandchildren: Jannah and Jordan; and

73 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the public
74 service of this Mississippian, whose dedication to the youth of
75 his community serves as a model for all educators in the State of
76 Mississippi:

77 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
78 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
79 commend and congratulate James W. Hill, Sr., upon the occasion of
80 his retirement as Director of the Lawrence County Technology and
81 Career Center and Assistant Superintendent of Education, and
82 extend to him and his family best wishes on all their future
83 endeavors.

84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
85 James W. Hill and his family and be made available to the Capitol
86 Press Corps.

