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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MIKE MOORE FOR HIS OUTSTANDING AND
2 DEDICATED SERVICE AS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
3 AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, an outstanding and loyal public servant, Attorney
5 General Mike Moore has labored as a public servant to the State of
6 Mississippi for twenty-five years; and

7 WHEREAS, General Moore began his career in public service as
8 an assistant district attorney in 1977 and in 1979, advanced to
9 become the state's youngest district attorney, a position he
10 retained until he was elected Attorney General in 1987; and

11 WHEREAS, General Moore has been supported by his wife, Tisha,
12 and son, Kyle, throughout his many pursuits; and

13 WHEREAS, because he is one who is never afraid to fight for
14 what he believes to be right, Attorney General Moore filed the
15 first lawsuit against 13 tobacco companies in 1994, which gained
16 him national attention and made Mississippi the first state to
17 insist that cigarette manufacturers reimburse the state for costs
18 incurred for treating smoking-related illnesses; and

19 WHEREAS, as a result of the lawsuit, Mississippi received a
20 settlement payment of \$4.1 billion, and following General Moore's
21 lead, a \$240 billion settlement was reached covering other states;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, General Moore serves as Chairman of the Partnership
24 for a Healthy Mississippi, an organization charged with combating
25 tobacco use among our state's youth that has seen a 30 percent
26 reduction in teen smoking rates during the Attorney General's
27 tenure; and



28 WHEREAS, General Moore has, in recent years, turned his
29 attention to helping young people in Mississippi by doubling the
30 number of Boys and Girls Clubs of America in our state, by
31 recruiting more than 5,000 mentors for young people in our state
32 through the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Mississippi and the
33 Mississippi Mentoring Network; and

34 WHEREAS, many honors have been bestowed upon Attorney General
35 Mike Moore throughout his career, such as: in 1992, he was
36 selected the first resident Mississippian to become one of the Ten
37 Most Outstanding Young Americans; in 1994, his fellow Attorneys
38 General honored him with the prestigious Wyman Award, which named
39 him the most outstanding Attorney General in the nation; and, in
40 1998, he was recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" by the National
41 Law Journal and as "Public Official of the Year" by Governing
42 Magazine; and

43 WHEREAS, General Moore has brought honor to himself and to
44 our state by holding many distinguished positions, such as:
45 President of the National Association of Attorneys General;
46 Chairman of the Mississippi Mentoring Network; Representative of
47 the National Association of Attorneys General for the Council of
48 State Governments; Chairman of the Mississippi's Substance Abuse
49 Policy Council; Representative to the Advisory Board of the
50 National Resource Center for Child Advocacy and Protection for the
51 National Association of Attorneys General; and board member for
52 the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to name
53 just a few of the many ways that he contributes his talents; and

54 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
55 pay tribute to a Mississippian who exemplifies the meaning of
56 dedicated public service and loyalty to our great state:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
59 commend Attorney General Mike Moore for his outstanding and



60 dedicated service as Attorney General for the State of Mississippi
61 and congratulate him upon his retirement.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
63 furnished to Attorney General Mike Moore and to the Capitol Press
64 Corps.

