

By: Representatives Ford, Brown

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 50

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM E. "BILLY"
2 BOWLES FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF
3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

4 WHEREAS, Representative William E. "Billy" Bowles has served
5 the citizens of House District 22, which includes Chickasaw, Lee
6 and Monroe Counties for 20 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Bowles, a resident of Houston,
8 Mississippi, graduated from Tupelo High School, Itawamba Community
9 College and Mississippi State University; and

10 WHEREAS, sworn into office in 1984, Representative Bowles has
11 the distinction of being the longest serving representative of
12 Chickasaw County; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Bowles' strong leadership abilities
14 were first recognized in 1992 when he was appointed Chairman of
15 the Labor Committee, and in 1993, he was named Chairman of the
16 Oil, Gas and Other Minerals Committee, which he continues to
17 serve; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Bowles currently serves on the Oil,
19 Gas and Other Minerals, Appropriations, Executive Contingent Fund,
20 Judiciary A and PEER Committees; and

21 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure with the Legislature,
22 Representative Bowles has served on various committees, including
23 Agriculture, Banks and Banking, County Affairs, Constitution, Fees
24 and Salaries of Public Officers, Game and Fish, Judiciary B,
25 Public Buildings, Grounds and Lands, Public Health and Welfare,
26 Rules, Transportation and Ways and Means; and



27 WHEREAS, Representative Bowles' list of accomplishments
28 include Chickasaw Session Funding; the 1987 Highway Program; the
29 Houston Bypass; and the extension of the 1987 Highway Program
30 which included widening Highway 15 to four lanes; and

31 WHEREAS, Representative Bowles is a strong believer of
32 individual rights and the Second Amendment right to bear arms and
33 has protected the rights provided in the Mississippi Constitution;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, in addition, Representative Bowles is a strong
36 believer in employment and has supported lignite mining that
37 created many jobs in District 22; and

38 WHEREAS, Representative Bowles has been lovingly supported in
39 all his endeavors by his wife, the former Ruby Kate Wooldridge;
40 their children, Steve and Mike; and grandchildren, Jay, Jenna
41 Leigh, Lauren, Merry Claire, Patrick and Will; and

42 WHEREAS, Representative Bowles' congenial nature,
43 constructive attitude and forthright manner have had a positive
44 influence on all those who have had the pleasure of working with
45 this highly respected member of the House:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
48 commend and express our deepest appreciation to Representative
49 William E. "Billy" Bowles for his many outstanding contributions
50 to the legislative process and the people of the State of
51 Mississippi and extend our heartiest wishes for success in all his
52 future endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
54 furnished to Representative William E. "Billy" Bowles and to the
55 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

