

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.

