By: Representatives Ford, Brown

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 55

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- 2 MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF
- 3 REPRESENTATIVES.
- 4 WHEREAS, Representative Percy Maples has served the citizens
- 5 of House District 107, which includes George, Stone and Jackson
- 6 Counties for more than 20 years; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Representative Maples, a native of Tiger Branch,
- 8 graduated from Broome High School, Perkinston Community College
- 9 and the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor's
- 10 degree in business administration; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a loyal patriot of his country, Representative
- 12 Maples joined the United States Army Reserve, where he served for
- 13 six years and retired with the rank of E-5; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Representative Maples worked for Commercial Credit
- 15 for four years and was promoted to Assistant Loan Manager; and
- 16 WHEREAS, after caring for his elderly parents and the passing
- 17 of his father, Representative Maples invested in the real estate
- 18 business and farming; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Representative Maples' strong leadership abilities
- 20 were recognized when he was appointed Vice Chairman of the County
- 21 Affairs Committee in 1999; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Representative Maples currently serves on the
- 23 Agriculture, Appropriations, Public Buildings, Grounds and Lands
- 24 and Transportation Committees; and
- 25 WHEREAS, in the 1990 Legislative Session, Representative
- 26 Maples introduced House Bill 661, which provided the tax exemption

- 27 to all school bus tags and was instrumental in passing the 1987
- 28 Highway Bill; and
- 29 WHEREAS, in addition, Representative Maples' list of
- 30 accomplishments also include getting financing for a new Justice
- 31 Court Building in George County, the Lucedale/George County
- 32 Library expansion project and getting equipment for the Forestry
- 33 Department and the fire departments; and
- 34 WHEREAS, Representative Maples was chosen by the Mississippi
- 35 Soil and Water Conservation Association as the 2003 Legislator of
- 36 the Year for his contributions to conservation; and
- 37 WHEREAS, Representative Maples has been lovingly supported in
- 38 all his endeavors by his wife, the former Mary Fisher; and
- 39 WHEREAS, Representative Maples' congenial nature,
- 40 constructive attitude and forthright manner have had a positive
- 41 influence on all those who have had the pleasure of working with
- 42 this highly respected member of the House:
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
- 44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
- 45 commend and express our deepest appreciation to Representative
- 46 Percy Maples for his many outstanding contributions to the
- 47 legislative process and the people of the State of Mississippi and
- 48 extend our heartiest wishes for success in all his future
- 49 endeavors.
- 50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
- 51 furnished to Representative Percy Maples and to the members of the
- 52 Capitol Press Corps.