

By: Representative Taylor

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING JAMES LEBARON MASHBURN,  
2 SR., FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE.

3 WHEREAS, James Lebaron Mashburn, Sr., was born in Chicora,  
4 Mississippi, on April 26, 1924, the fourth child of Jasper Cary  
5 Mashburn and Velma Williams; and

6 WHEREAS, educated in the public schools of Wayne County, Mr.  
7 Mashburn enlisted in the United States Army in 1942, graduating  
8 from the automotive department of the Armor School, before being  
9 deployed overseas to the Pacific in March 1943; and

10 WHEREAS, having spent thirty-one months in the Central and  
11 Western Pacific, Mr. Mashburn carried his company as its 1st  
12 Sergeant to the surrender and occupation of Japan; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Mashburn returned to the states and civilian  
14 life, becoming employed with the Forrest Product Industry before  
15 being commissioned from the ranks in 1948 by President Harry S.  
16 Truman; and

17 WHEREAS, called into active duty in 1951, Mr. Mashburn served  
18 with the First and Second Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas,  
19 and shortly after returning to civilian life for the second time,  
20 was given command of A. Company 750th Tank Battalion Mississippi  
21 National Guard, and later served as Adjutant, S-3 for air, S-2 and  
22 Battalion Maintenance officer before retiring in 1984; and

23 WHEREAS, held in high esteem and lauded for his commitment  
24 and dedication to the protection of the rights and liberties due  
25 every citizen of the United States as granted in the Constitution  
26 of the United States, Mr. Mashburn has been bestowed with the  
27 honor of having received twelve Campaign and Service medals, which

28 is inclusive of the Mississippi Magnolia Medal, and receiving a  
29 gubernatorial appointment to serve on the Military staff of  
30 Governor Paul B. Johnson from 1964-1968; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Mashburn, currently serving as deacon and  
32 trustee of First Baptist Church of Chicora, has several community  
33 and civic involvements including memberships with Chicora Lodge  
34 No. 538, where he has served in the capacity as Past Master on  
35 three occasions; charter member of the United States Armed Forces  
36 Museum at Camp Shelby; Wayne County Genealogy Organization; the  
37 American Legion; and the Retired Officers Association; and

38 WHEREAS, during his term of service which spanned four  
39 decades, Mr. Mashburn served under five presidents; and

40 WHEREAS, having retired from his civilian occupation as  
41 director of maintenance and supply at Hood Industries in 1986, Mr.  
42 Mashburn has enjoyed the love, companionship and support of his  
43 wife of more than fifty years, Frances Vaughn, and their three  
44 sons, James, Jr., William Thomas and Douglas Barkley, whom have  
45 all predeceased him in death; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
47 and commend excellence, especially as evidenced by such  
48 individuals as Mr. James Mashburn, whose service to the United  
49 States, this great State of Mississippi and to the citizens of  
50 Wayne County, Mississippi, is deemed as a pinnacle of excellence:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
53 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. James  
54 Lebaron Mashburn, Sr., for his many years of national, civic and  
55 community service and extend to him our heartiest wishes for  
56 success in all his future endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
58 furnished to Mr. James Lebaron Mashburn, Sr., and to the members  
59 of the Capitol Press Corps.