

By: Representative Stevens

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HONORABLE ROBBY ROBERTSON UPON
2 HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS
3 ATTALA COUNTY JUSTICE COURT JUDGE.

4 WHEREAS, The Honorable Robby Robertson, Justice Court Judge
5 for the Western District of Attala County, Mississippi, retired on
6 December 29, 2003, after twenty-four years on the bench; and

7 WHEREAS, Judge Robertson, while a political newcomer and a
8 twenty-one-year-old business administration major, between his
9 junior and senior years of study at Ole Miss, was first elected in
10 1979, defeating incumbent D.B. Ballard; and

11 WHEREAS, at the time of his election, there were five justice
12 court seats, but by 1983, the number of judges across the state
13 had been cut from 495 to 192, leaving Attala County with only two
14 justice court judges; and

15 WHEREAS, after his first successful bid for office, Judge
16 Robertson was elected to five additional terms, maintaining the
17 family tradition of public service, following in the footsteps of
18 his father, William Robertson, an alderman and county school board
19 member in Sallis, and his grandfather, Dave Robertson, a county
20 supervisor; and

21 WHEREAS, having tried thousands of cases and performing
22 approximately 250 marriage ceremonies, Judge Robertson heeded the
23 advice of a constituent after his first election: "The people
24 entrust you to be the county's conscience ... be firm, but be
25 fair"; and

26 WHEREAS, throughout the course of his public service as
27 justice court judge, Judge Robertson, who also serves as organist

28 and music director at Sallis Baptist Church, has enjoyed the love
29 and support of his wife, Reba, a teacher at Ethel High School, and
30 his daughter, Lauren, a nineteen-year-old sophomore at Mississippi
31 College; and

32 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
33 and commend excellence in such outstanding Mississippians as Judge
34 Robertson, whose contributions to the State of Mississippi and the
35 citizens of Attala County have been monumental in providing
36 justice and empowering his constituents to be prosperous and
37 productive citizens of the community:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
40 commend and congratulate the Honorable Judge Robby Robertson upon
41 his retirement after twenty-four years of service as Attala County
42 Justice Court Judge and extend our heartiest wishes for success in
43 all his future endeavors.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 furnished to Judge Robertson and to the members of the Capitol
46 Press Corps.