

By: Representatives Hines, Bailey

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING LEWIS JAMES SLAY FOR HIS MANY YEARS
2 OF DEDICATED SERVICE UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

3 WHEREAS, Lewis James Slay, lifelong resident of Greenville,
4 Mississippi, and son of the late John and Bessie Slay, will
5 officially retire from the United States Probation Services after
6 27 years of dedicated service; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Slay, received his formal and secondary
8 education in the Washington County School System, where, after
9 graduating, he began his higher education at the University of
10 Southern Mississippi (USM); and

11 WHEREAS, his matriculation at USM resulted in his receiving a
12 bachelor of arts degree in political science - history, and
13 ultimately a master of arts degree in criminal justice; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Slay began his employment with the United States
15 Probation Services in 1977, and throughout his tenure of service
16 he has managed three divisional offices, worked on the Operations
17 Management/Fiscal Team, served as District Training Coordinator,
18 supervised the District Training Program and he currently serves
19 as the Senior District Supervising Officer for the Northern
20 District of Mississippi; and

21 WHEREAS, he has been a valuable asset in and around
22 Greenville and throughout Washington County, Mississippi, always
23 being a Good Samaritan by lending a helping hand to those in need
24 and serving as a role model and mentor for many throughout the
25 community; and

26 WHEREAS, a man of stature and highly esteemed, Mr. Slay, who
27 united in holy matrimony to the former Dinah M. Hammond on June 1,

28 1975, honors the tradition and sacredness of family as evidenced
29 by the time he spent coaching his children's soccer teams; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Slay's services have not been limited only to
31 his employment, he has many community, civic and professional
32 involvements to which he devotes much of his time and efforts,
33 including: the Washington County Boys and Girls Club, where he
34 held the positions of President and Vice President and member of
35 the Board of Directors; St. Joseph Catholic School Board of
36 Education; Catholic Diocese of Mississippi Board of Education;
37 Winterville Mounds Fire Department Board of Directors; Juvenile
38 Crime Enforcement Coalition Board of Directors; USM Alumni
39 Association, to which he is a Life Member; Federal Probation
40 Officer Association; Mississippi Association of Professionals in
41 Corrections; and Mississippi Association of Coaches; and

42 WHEREAS, for his diligent and meritorious services, he has
43 been honored to receive several notable awards, including "Man of
44 the Year" by the University of Southern Mississippi Criminal
45 Justice Association, "Man of the Year" by 100 Black Men of the
46 Delta, Inc., Greenville Chapter, Liberty Bell Award presented by
47 the Washington County Bar Association and "Point of Pride" by the
48 Washington County Chamber of Commerce; and

49 WHEREAS, a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where
50 he is an active participant in the Men's Club and lecturer, Mr.
51 Slay has garnered the love, support and respect of his family:
52 wife, Dinah; and daughters, Johndrea "Tudi," Lindsey, LaToyia and
53 Janá; and

54 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
55 recognize and commend excellence in such outstanding individuals
56 as Mr. Slay, whose service, dedication and commitment to the State
57 of Mississippi and the entire United States is truly monumental
58 and sets the benchmark for superiority and distinction:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
60 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby

61 commend and congratulate Mr. Lewis James Slay upon his retirement
62 and extend out heartiest wishes for good health, peace, happiness
63 and success in all his future endeavors.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to Mr. Lewis James Slay and to the members of the
66 Capitol Press Corps.