

By: Representatives Carlton, Davis,  
Fillingane, Frierson, Lott, Vince

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING LAMAR COUNTY ON ITS 100TH BIRTHDAY  
2 CELEBRATION.

3 WHEREAS, founded in 1904 and named for the distinguished 19th  
4 century statesman, L.Q.C. Lamar, Lamar County, Mississippi, will  
5 celebrate its Centennial Birthday on March 11, 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, located in the pine woods area of southeastern  
7 Mississippi, Lamar County, one of the fastest growing counties in  
8 the state, encompasses a total area of slightly less than 500  
9 square miles or approximately 319,360 acres; and

10 WHEREAS, lying within its borders are the four incorporated  
11 cities of Hattiesburg, Purvis, Lumberton and Sumrall, in addition  
12 to the unincorporated communities of Oak Grove, Baxterville, Oloh,  
13 Bellevue, Rocky Branch, Midway and Okahola; and

14 WHEREAS, currently boasting a citizen base of approximately  
15 44,170, the 2000 projected census figures recorded a county  
16 population up nearly thirty percent from the previous 10 years  
17 with population estimates and projections showing growth at an  
18 annual rate of nearly four percent since 1994; and

19 WHEREAS, with hundreds of acres of industrial property  
20 available in five industrial parks located across the county,  
21 Lamar County has experienced strong surges in its retail sales in  
22 the last several years; and

23 WHEREAS, Lamar County has seen nearly 47 new subdivisions  
24 appear in the last three years, which has afforded residents the  
25 conveniences of one of Mississippi's largest and most progressive  
26 cities, and yet maintained the quiet serene surroundings of the  
27 country and the quality of life the country offers; and

28           WHEREAS, offering its residents and countless thousands of  
29 visitors a wide variety of recreation activities, such as fishing,  
30 hunting, swimming, camping and golfing, Lamar County is home to  
31 Little Black Creek Water Park, a 1,300 acre state operated park  
32 located between Purvis and Lumberton; Paul B. Johnson State Park;  
33 DeSoto National Forest; Pine Creek Golf Club in Purvis; Hillsdale  
34 Resort in Lumberton; and the new Jerry Pate designed Canebrake  
35 Golf Club; and

36           WHEREAS, knowing the value of a quality education, Lamar  
37 County is served by two school districts, Lamar County School  
38 District and Lumberton School District, which oversee a total of  
39 six elementary and four secondary schools; and

40           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
41 recognize and commend the heritage and history of the state's  
42 counties, such as Lamar County, whose abundance of riches have  
43 contributed to the unique and valuable qualities that make the  
44 State of Mississippi unquestionably the greatest state in the  
45 nation:

46           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
48 commend Lamar County on the occasion of its Centennial Birthday  
49 Celebration and extend our heartiest wishes for continued success.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
51 furnished to the Lamar County Board of Supervisors and to the  
52 members of the Capitol Press Corps.