

By: Representatives Shows, Eaton, Staples

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 66

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. DARRIS PLAXTON O'QUINN UPON HIS  
2 RETIREMENT AFTER 38 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE MISSISSIPPI  
3 FARM BUREAU FEDERATION.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Darris Plaxton O'Quinn is retiring as District  
5 Manager for the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation after 38 years  
6 of dedicated service; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Quinn was born on a 120 acre row crop and  
8 dairy farm in Marion County on July 28, 1939; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from Columbia High School, Mr.  
10 O'Quinn attended and graduated from Pearl River Community College  
11 and Mississippi State University where he earned a bachelor of  
12 science degree and a master's degree in agriculture; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Quinn began his 38-year career with the  
14 Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation on February 1, 1966, as a  
15 District Fieldman in the southeast district, which at that time  
16 had a total of 4,800 member families; and

17 WHEREAS, with his district leading the state, Mr. O'Quinn has  
18 served as District Manager for many years with currently over  
19 40,000 member families; and

20 WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. O'Quinn is a  
21 member of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Purvis, Mississippi, where  
22 he has served as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher and supervisor,  
23 and a member of the Hospitality Committee; and

24 WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. O'Quinn has been an active member  
25 of the Future Farmers of America Alumni Association and a member  
26 of the 4-H Club Advisory Council; and

27           WHEREAS, Mr. O'Quinn has been lovingly supported in all his  
28 endeavors by his lovely wife of more than 40 years, the former  
29 Mary Kathryn Hall; and their four children, Donna, Darrell, Denise  
30 and Donald, who predeceased his parents; and four grandchildren;  
31 and

32           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
33 recognize and commend outstanding service of hard-working  
34 Mississippians such as Mr. O'Quinn:

35           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
36 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
37 commend Mr. Darris Plaxton O'Quinn upon his retirement after 38  
38 years of dedicated service to the Mississippi Farm Bureau  
39 Federation and express our heartiest wishes for success in all his  
40 future endeavors.

41           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
42 furnished to Mr. Darris Plaxton O'Quinn and to members of the  
43 Capitol Press Corps.