

By: Representatives Hudson, Mims, Moak

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 73

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JAMES W. HILL,
2 SR., UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE
3 LAWRENCE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY AND CAREER CENTER.

4 WHEREAS, longtime Lawrence County educator, James W. Hill,
5 Sr., is the retired Director of the Lawrence County Technology and
6 Career Center; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill is a native of Vicksburg, Warren County,
8 Mississippi, the son of the late Genora and Mamie Burks Hill and
9 received his early education in the Warren County-Vicksburg Public
10 Schools, where he graduated from Rosa A. Temple High School in
11 1959; and

12 WHEREAS, he graduated from Alcorn State University (Alcorn
13 A&M) in 1963 with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture
14 education, received a master's degree in agriculture education
15 from Tuskegee Institute in 1972, an endorsement in school
16 administration from Alcorn State University and pursued further
17 studies at Mississippi State University and the University of
18 Southern Mississippi; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill was employed by the Lawrence County School
20 District for thirty-nine years, where he began his teaching career
21 in July 1964 as an agriculture teacher and was honored as
22 Vocational Agriculture Teacher of the Year by the Magnolia
23 Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill's career began to evolve when the district
25 promoted him from teacher to Title XX Coordinator in 1977, and he
26 was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Education in 1980,

27 during which time he served as Director of Personnel and
28 Technology and Career Education; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill was the first African American elected
30 Alderman for the Town of Monticello and served in that position
31 for 12 years and has served on many political committees and
32 received a political award from the Lawrence County Branch of the
33 NAACP in 1986; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill is a lifetime member of the Alcorn State
35 University National Alumni Association, has organized and served
36 as President of the Monticello Alcorn Alumni Chapter for 20 years
37 and during his 20 years of recruiting, has sent many worthy and
38 deserving students to Alcorn State University; and

39 WHEREAS, as a dedicated alumnus, he has driven many of our
40 state representatives to the campus, emphasizing some of the needs
41 of the university, was selected "Distinguished Alumnus,"
42 Presidential Citation, National Conference on Blacks in Higher
43 Education in 1990, was a member of the sixth class of inductees
44 into the Alcorn State University Hall of Honor in 1995, received
45 the 2000 Matthew "Matt" Thomas Outstanding Service Award and
46 Outstanding Service Award by the Monticello Alcorn Alumni Chapter,
47 and was elected Alcornite of the Year (2001) by the Alcorn
48 National Alumni Association; and

49 WHEREAS, his community/professional activities and honors
50 include: Advisory Board Member, AmSouth Bank; Chairman of the
51 Board, Family Health Care Clinics/Monticello, New Hebron,
52 Prentiss, Pelahatchie, Mendenhall and Brandon; Recipient of Family
53 Health Care Leadership Award; Chairman, Lawrence County Habitat
54 for Humanity; Honoree, E.M. Graham Award of Excellence, Lawrence
55 County Chamber of Commerce (1999-2000); Lifetime Member, NAACP;
56 Past Vice President, Lawrence County Branch; served on the
57 Resolution Committee of the National NAACP; one of the founders
58 and Secretary, Board of Directors for the Lawrence County
59 Educational and Recreational Association; Area Director's Award,

60 State of Mississippi, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Head Start
61 Award, Five County Child Development; Past Worshipful Master of
62 Monticello Lodge #348; and Patron of Williams Chapter #452,
63 O.E.S.; and

64 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill is a member of the Monticello First Baptist
65 Church, where he has served in many capacities and presently
66 serves as Deacon, Adult Sunday School Teacher and Senior Choir
67 Leader; and

68 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill is married to the former Savannah Burns
69 (married August 11, 1963) of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and to their
70 union were born two children: James, Jr., and Javannah Latrice
71 Hill-Moore; and two grandchildren: Jannah and Jordan; and

72 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the public
73 service of this Mississippian, whose dedication to the youth of
74 his community serves as a model for all educators in the State of
75 Mississippi:

76 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
77 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
78 commend and congratulate James W. Hill, Sr., upon the occasion of
79 his retirement as Director of the Lawrence County Technology and
80 Career Center and Assistant Superintendent of Education, and
81 extend to him and his family best wishes in all their future
82 endeavors.

83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
84 furnished to James W. Hill, Sr., and his family and be made
85 available to the Capitol Press Corps.