

By: Representative Guice

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING RUSTY C. DAVID UPON BEING NAMED THE  
2 RECIPIENT OF THE 2003 BILLY CREEL TOURISM AWARD.

3 WHEREAS, Rusty David was named the 2003 Billy Creel Tourism  
4 Award recipient for his leadership and contributions to the  
5 Mississippi coastal community in promoting tourism; and

6 WHEREAS, a visionary with unrivaled energy and enthusiasm,  
7 Mr. David arrived in Biloxi, Mississippi, in 1945 as a youth and  
8 attended Biloxi High School; and

9 WHEREAS, a lifelong volunteer dedicated to enhancing tourism,  
10 economic impact and the overall quality of life for all Biloxi  
11 citizens, Mr. David's volunteerism and tireless devotion afforded  
12 him the honor of being selected the City of Biloxi's 2003  
13 "Volunteer of the Decade," Mississippi's 2000 Tourism Volunteer of  
14 the Year and 1999 Outstanding Citizen of the Year; and

15 WHEREAS, his drive and determination to make Biloxi a better  
16 place to live, work and play has shaped the Coast's annual  
17 traditions such as the Christmas on the Water, the Children's  
18 Walking Christmas Parade, the Lighting of the Biloxi Town Green,  
19 the Crawfish Festival, Mardi Gras parades, the Ole Biloxi Marching  
20 Club, the Ship Island Rendezvous, 4th of July fireworks  
21 extravaganza, the Billy Creel Memorial Gulf Coast Wooden Boat  
22 Show, the World Championship Offshore Powerboat Races and the  
23 Smokin' the Sound; and

24 WHEREAS, a charter member of and key worker in the  
25 Mississippi Big Game Fishing Club, which now sponsors three  
26 two-day tournaments, Mr. David has been a mainstay in the Gulf  
27 Coast Carnival Association, over the years serving as Parade

28 Captain for 20 years, Associate Captain for two years, Captain of  
29 Carnival for two years and a Duke for one year; and

30 WHEREAS, a 23-year-veteran employee of Bancorp South where he  
31 serves as facilities coordinator, Mr. David is also a diligent  
32 member of the Elk's Club, Duck's Unlimited, the Harrison County  
33 Tourism Task Force, the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum, the  
34 Mississippi Gulf Coast Attractions Association and the Mississippi  
35 Billfish Classic, in addition to having involvements in the  
36 Mississippi Gulf Coast Fishing Banks, Nathan V. Boddie Research  
37 Institute and board member of the Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce;  
38 and

39 WHEREAS, a faithful member of Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral, Mr.  
40 David has enjoyed the love, support and admiration of his family,  
41 including wife, Robin Krohn, and daughters, Carol, Gretchen, Megan  
42 and Shelby; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
44 recognize and commend excellence in outstanding Mississippians  
45 such as Mr. David, who is the epitome of true volunteerism for the  
46 Mississippi Gulf Coast:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
49 commend Mr. Rusty C. David upon being named as the recipient of  
50 the 2003 Billy Creel Tourism Award.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
52 furnished to Mr. Rusty C. David and to the members of the Capitol  
53 Press Corps.