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 Aldridge, Arinder, Bailey, Baker (74th),
 Baker (8th), Banks, Barnett, Beckett,
 Bentz, Blackmon, Bondurant, Bounds,
 Broomfield, Brown, Buck, Burnett,
 Calhoun, Carlton, Chism, Clark, Clarke, Coleman (29th), Coleman
 (65th), Compretta, Cummings, Davis, Dedeaux, Denny, Dickson,
 Eaton, Ellington, Ellis, Espy, Evans, Fillingane, Flaggs, Fleming,
 Formby, Franks, Fredericks, Frierson, Gadd, Gibbs, Green, Gregory,
 Guice, Gunn, Hamilton (109th), Hamilton (6th), Harrison, Hines,
 Holland, Holloway, Horne, Howell, Huddleston, Hudson, Ishee,
 Janus, Jennings, Johnson, Lott, Malone, Markham, Martinson,
 Masterson, Mayhall, Mayo, McBride, Middleton, Miles, Mims, Moak,
 Montgomery, Moore, Morris, Moss, Myers, Nicholson, Parker,
 Patterson, Peranich, Perkins, Read, Reed, Reeves, Reynolds,
 Robinson (63rd), Robinson (84th), Rogers (14th), Rogers (61st),
 Rotenberry, Scott, Shows, Simpson, Smith (27th), Smith (39th),
 Smith (59th), Snowden, Staples, Stevens, Straughter, Stringer,
 Sullivan, Taylor, Thomas, Turner, Upshaw, Vince, Ward, Warren,
 Watson, Weathersby, Wells-Smith, Whittington, Woods, Young, Zuber

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING CHARLES W. (CHARLIE)
 2 CAPPS, JR., FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED
 3 SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND WISHING HIM
 4 WELL UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, Charles W. (Charlie) Capps, Jr., of the Mississippi
 6 House of Representatives, is completing thirty-three years of
 7 consecutive service as a member of the House from District 28,
 8 which includes Bolivar, Sunflower and Washington Counties; and

9 WHEREAS, born on January 1, 1925, in Cleveland, Mississippi,
 10 Representative Capps, a World War II veteran having served in the
 11 Pacific Theater, joined the United States Army in June 1943 as a
 12 private and was discharged as a First Lieutenant in September
 13 1946; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Capps attended Culver Military
 15 Academy in Indiana, Davidson College in North Carolina and earned
 16 an undergraduate degree in business from the University of
 17 Mississippi in 1967 before beginning his career as a public
 18 servant; and

19 WHEREAS, after serving as Sheriff of Bolivar County, he began
 20 his service as a legislator when elected to the membership of the
 21 Mississippi House of Representatives in 1971; and

22 WHEREAS, the talents and ability of Charlie Capps were
 23 recognized by the legislative leadership as evidenced by his

24 rising from freshman lawmaker to serve as Chairman of the House
25 Constitution Committee, then to his 1988 appointment as Chairman
26 of the House Appropriations Committee, and his recent 2004
27 reappointment as Chairman of Constitution; and

28 WHEREAS, the most senior member of the House, affectionately
29 known in the Capitol as "Mr. Chairman" for his many years leading
30 Appropriations, he also serves on the Appropriations, Agriculture,
31 Enrolled Bills, Military Affairs and Tourism Committees; and

32 WHEREAS, Chairman Capps has been especially active in
33 promoting education at all levels and in industrial development at
34 both state and local levels, having participated in
35 investment-seeking trade missions to Japan and other far eastern
36 countries; and

37 WHEREAS, known by his colleagues as an able and dedicated
38 legislator who has effectively represented the citizens of his
39 district and state, Chairman Capps was honored by Delta State
40 University with the dedication of the Charles W. Capps, Jr.,
41 Archives and Museum in Cleveland; Charles W. Capps, Jr.,
42 Technology Center at Mississippi Delta Community College; Lake
43 Charlie Capps; Representative Charles W. Capps, Jr., National
44 Guard Armory located on Charlie Capps Road in Cleveland; Charles
45 W. Capps, Jr., Crisis Intervention Center in Cleveland; and
46 Charles W. Capps, Jr., Entrepreneurial Center in Stoneville; and

47 WHEREAS, Chairman Capps' love and deeply felt respect for the
48 Legislature as an institution has led him to fight to preserve and
49 nurture its integrity, becoming a guardian of this democratic
50 institution during a time in Mississippi's history when the
51 diversity of the House membership expanded to include meaningful
52 participation by women, African Americans and Republicans, as well
53 as the majority group of Democrats; and

54 WHEREAS, Chairman Capps' leadership abilities have been
55 recognized nationally, as evidenced by his serving as Chairman of
56 the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) of the Council of State

57 Governments, as Vice Chairman of the Legislative Advisory Council
58 of the Southern Regional Education Board, as a member of the SLC
59 Executive Committee and by his selection by the American
60 Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) as the 1987 American Free
61 Enterprise Representative of the Year for Mississippi; and

62 WHEREAS, in addition to serving in the Mississippi House of
63 Representatives, Chairman Capps is president of Capps
64 Insurance-Real Estate and Capps Farms, Inc., a successful farmer
65 and a director of the Sunburst Banking System; and

66 WHEREAS, Chairman Capps is known as a "Gentleman Statesman"
67 possessing a congenial nature, the ability to listen effectively
68 and a good sense of humor -- qualities which have enabled him to
69 resolve volatile and controversial situations; and

70 WHEREAS, in addition to his career as a successful
71 businessman and statesman, Chairman Capps has been a faithful
72 member of the Methodist Church, as well as a devoted husband to
73 the late Mrs. Allen Hobbs Capps, and father of three children,
74 Alinda Sledge, Margaret Allen and Charlie Capps III, and eight
75 grandchildren, who have supported him in all of his endeavors; and

76 WHEREAS, Chairman Capps has indicated that he will retire on
77 June 30th of this year and the members of the Mississippi
78 Legislature wish to express their sincere appreciation to "Mr.
79 Chairman" for his dedicated service to the people of the State of
80 Mississippi and for the personal sacrifices that he has made on
81 their behalf:

82 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
83 REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby
84 commend our friend and colleague, "Mr. Chairman," Charles W.
85 (Charlie) Capps, Jr., for all that he has meant to the Mississippi
86 State Legislature and for his unmatched contributions to the
87 people of the State of Mississippi, and we want him to know that
88 his presence and his leadership will be very much missed by this
89 legislative body.

90 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
91 furnished to Chairman Capps and to the members of the Capitol
92 Press Corps.