

By: Representatives Holland, Franks,
Aldridge, Turner, Miles, Flaggs, Montgomery

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING REED'S DEPARTMENT STORE IN TUPELO ON
2 THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

3 WHEREAS, R.W. Reed, Sr., moved from Itawamba County in 1905
4 to Tupelo, Mississippi, and opened a general dry goods store on
5 Main Street, known as Reed's; and

6 WHEREAS, R.W. Reed, Sr., championed the development of Tupelo
7 and its rural communities for over half a century, serving as its
8 first Chairman of the Hospital Board, Boy Scout and the State
9 College Board, among many other church and civic endeavors --
10 always approaching his responsibilities with zeal and zest, which
11 continues today to be a hallmark of the entire Reed family; and

12 WHEREAS, Bob Reed and Jack Reed, Sr., sons of R.W. Reed, Sr.,
13 joined their father in the family business after receiving their
14 educations at Vanderbilt and graduate work at Harvard and New York
15 University respectively, and following distinguished military
16 service in World War II; and

17 WHEREAS, Reed's has been a retail leader over the last
18 century and was the first department store in North Mississippi to
19 be air-conditioned; the first retail establishment to be housed on
20 an entire city block; the first locally owned retail store to
21 expand to area malls and to the college towns of Columbus and
22 Starkville; and the first to host a book signing for world
23 renowned author John Grisham; and

24 WHEREAS, subsequent generations of the Reed family now occupy
25 positions of leadership and responsibility in this extraordinary
26 retail business carrying on the excellent traditions of their
27 forebears; and

28 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
29 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend such outstanding
30 business institutions as Reed's Department Store, which has served
31 as the cornerstone of economic growth and the bedrock of
32 generational success in Tupelo and surrounding areas:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
35 commend Reed's Department Store in Tupelo on its 100th Anniversary
36 and wish them well in future years.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
38 furnished to the presiding officers of Reed's Department Store and
39 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.