

By: Representative Hamilton (109th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SELFLESSNESS OF
2 WORLD WAR II VETERAN HOWARD DUER TO THE HURLEY COMMUNITY.

3 WHEREAS, Howard Duer, a resident of Hurley, Mississippi,
4 since 1954, has epitomized the model of citizenry in giving,
5 commitment, zeal for life and community spirit at its best through
6 his unwavering dedication to give back to his community and
7 selfless devotion to that very cause; and

8 WHEREAS, born January 23, 1924, in Marquette, Michigan, Mr.
9 Duer moved to Chatom, Alabama, at the age of 13 and began a career
10 with civil service when he was 18, working at Brookley Air Force
11 Base in Mobile; and

12 WHEREAS, joining the Air Force after having worked on the
13 base, Mr. Duer served in the Air Force until World War II ended,
14 returning to Brookley until the beginning of the Korean War, when
15 he was again deployed; and

16 WHEREAS, upon his second return to Brookley, Mr. Duer met his
17 wife, Lavonia, and they were wed on November 27, 1954, moving to
18 Hurley later that year; and

19 WHEREAS, a charter member of the East Central Volunteer Fire
20 Department and also the county's ambulance service as a volunteer
21 Emergency Medical Technician, Mr. Duer retired from civil service
22 in 1978, at which time he began working as a maintenance man at
23 East Central School; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Duer worked diligently at East Central until his
25 seventieth birthday, and remains active as a pillar of the
26 community through his work and volunteerism with the Hurley
27 Volunteer Fire Department, East Central High School, East Central

28 Lower Elementary School, East Central Civic Association and Hurley
29 Baptist Church where he has taught Sunday School for 43 years; and

30 WHEREAS, recently celebrating his eighty-first birthday, Mr.
31 Duer's selfless service was recognized by the Jackson County Board
32 of Supervisors for his commitment to service with a resolution to
33 rename a portion of Mississippi Highway 614 in his honor; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
35 the State of Mississippi to recognize the commendable service and
36 contributions of such notable Mississippians as Mr. Duer, whose
37 life of giving as a soldier and a citizen has benefited many
38 individuals:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
41 commend Mr. Howard Duer for his unselfish humanitarian acts of
42 kindness, tireless giving and unceasing devotion to his community.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to Mr. Howard Duer and to the members of the Capitol
45 Press Corps.