

By: Representatives Capps, Coleman (29th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING CAREER
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. ROBERT T. RAGAN AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON
3 RECEIVING THE WILLIAM JOHN GIES AWARD.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert T. Ragan of Cleveland, Mississippi, was
5 named the 2004 recipient of the William John Gies Award by the
6 American College of Dentists; and

7 WHEREAS, the College's highest honor which recognizes Fellows
8 who have made unique and exceptional contributions to advancing
9 the dental profession society, Dr. Ragan, who has practiced
10 dentistry over the course of forty years, distinguished himself in
11 a variety of ways in order to be named recipient; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Ragan completed undergraduate studies at the
13 University of Mississippi in 1960 and received his dental degree
14 in 1964 at the Loyola New Orleans School of Dentistry, after which
15 he spent two years as a captain in the Dental Corps of the United
16 States Air Force, and upon the completion his military obligation,
17 opened a private practice in Cleveland; and

18 WHEREAS, having been elected to all the offices that can be
19 held in the Mississippi Dental Association, as well as the offices
20 of president of both American College of Dentists and the
21 Foundation, Dr. Ragan's leadership, achievements and exceptional
22 contributions have had a significant and positive impact on
23 dentistry, dental ethics and ethical practice, his community and
24 his country; and

25 WHEREAS, with his keen interests in dental ethics, Dr. Ragan
26 has spent his talents helping formulate and establish the ethics
27 seminar for students at the University of Mississippi School of

28 Dentistry, and the profound success of the ethics program has
29 spawned similar programs at the University of Florida, Indiana
30 University and the State University of New York; and

31 WHEREAS, not only has he made significant contributions to
32 dentistry, but to his community as well, actively participating in
33 enriching his community by serving as president of numerous
34 organization, including: the Cleveland Rotary Club, the Cleveland
35 Crosstie Arts Council, the Delta Aquatic Club and the Bolivar
36 County Alumni Association of the University of Mississippi; and

37 WHEREAS, it is with great pride the House of Representatives
38 of the State of Mississippi recognizes such outgoing professionals
39 as Dr. Ragan, whose consistent resourcefulness to all of his
40 professional and allied associations is held in high esteem, not
41 only by his colleagues, but also his friends and business
42 associates:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
45 commend the outstanding career accomplishments of Dr. Robert
46 Ragan, congratulate him upon being named recipient of the William
47 John Gies Award and extend are heartiest wishes for continued
48 success in all his future endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
50 furnished to Dr. Ragan and to the members of the Capitol Press
51 Corps.