

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 36

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. MORGAN FREEMAN FOR HIS
2 OUTSTANDING CAREER AS AN ACTOR AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON WINNING
3 HIS FIRST OSCAR.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan Freeman, a native of Mississippi, is one
5 of the most successful and highly respected actors in the
6 entertainment industry, enjoying an impressive and varied career
7 on stage, television and screen; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Freeman has received many
9 awards for many of his performances including a Tony Award, the
10 Clarence Derwent Award, Drama Desk Award, Obie Award, the
11 Dramalogue Award and many others, but the highlight of his career
12 came on Sunday, February 27, 2005, when after four career
13 nominations, he was hailed Oscar recipient for "best actor in a
14 supporting role" for his portrayal of ex-boxer, Eddie Scrap-Iron
15 Dupris, in "Million Dollar Baby"; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman, who received his previous Oscar
17 nominations for his work in "Street Smarts," "Driving Miss Daisy"
18 and "The Shawshank Redemption" has also won the Los Angeles, New
19 York and National Society of Film Critics Awards for best
20 supporting actor; and

21 WHEREAS, born in Memphis, Tennessee, and growing up in
22 Charleston, Mississippi, after graduating from high school, Mr.
23 Freeman served a five-year stint with the Air Force from 1955 to
24 1959, before moving to California to study dance and theatre arts
25 at Los Angeles City College; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1968, Mr. Freeman made his Broadway debut with
27 Pearl Bailey in "Hello Dolly!" and became nationally known when he

28 created the popular character, "Easy Reader" on the highly praised
29 children's show, "The Electric Company," from 1971 to 1976; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman has not only been successful in
31 television and the theatre, but has a long list of more than sixty
32 film credits which include movies such as "Brubaker,"
33 "Eyewitness," "Harry and Son," "Teachers," "Clean & Sober,"
34 "Johnny Handsome," "Glory," "Chain Reaction," "Kiss the Girls,"
35 "Amistad," "Hard Rain," "Deep Impact," "Nurse Betty," "High
36 Crimes," "The Sum of All Fears," "Dreamcatcher," "Bruce Almighty"
37 and "The Big Bounce"; and

38 WHEREAS, in 1993, Mr. Freeman made his film directorial debut
39 with "Bopha!" and soon after formed Revelation Entertainment, a
40 production company developing entertainment products in all
41 existing and emerging media; and

42 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman partnered with Bill Lockett to open the
43 upscale restaurant called Madidi and Ground Zero Blues Club in
44 downtown Clarksdale, Mississippi; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
46 recognize and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mr.
47 Freeman, whose long and distinguished career brings great pride to
48 the State of Mississippi:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
51 commend Mr. Morgan Freeman upon his successful career as an actor,
52 congratulate him upon winning an Oscar and express our heartiest
53 wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Mr. Morgan Freeman and to the members of the Capitol
56 Press Corps.