

By: Representatives Taylor, Staples

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF *THE RICHTON*  
2 *DISPATCH*.

3 WHEREAS, in 1910, W.R. Wilson and his brother, the Reverend  
4 J. Lafayette Wilson, owned and published the *New Albany Gazette*;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, W.R. Wilson had two sons who followed him into the  
7 newspaper business, one, L.A. Wilson, Sr., in 1914, went to work  
8 for *The Richton Dispatch*, first published in 1905, and purchased  
9 it from Dr. Willis Walley in 1915; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1933, Mr. Wilson became ill, leaving his wife,  
11 Josie Wilson, to become editor and publisher until their son  
12 L.A. Wilson, Jr., who learned the printing business as a young boy  
13 in his father's shop, purchased the business and became editor and  
14 publisher in 1955 after working seven years with the *Washington*  
15 *Evening Star* in Washington, D.C.; and

16 WHEREAS, L.A. Wilson, Jr.'s, son, Larry, is a fourth  
17 generation Wilson in the newspaper business, who, like his father  
18 before him, learned the printing business as a young man in his  
19 father's shop; and

20 WHEREAS, after college, Larry came back to work in the family  
21 business, and when his father became ill in 1986, Larry assumed  
22 most of the duties of the business, becoming editor and publisher  
23 of *The Richton Dispatch* at his father's death in 1986; and

24 WHEREAS, Larry and his mother, Mrs. Dean Wilson, continue  
25 operating the paper and printing shop, thus carrying out the  
26 family legacy of providing quality information and service to its  
27 readers and subscribers; and

28           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
29 recognize and commend excellence in outstanding business entities  
30 within the state, such as the *Richton Dispatch*, whose rich history  
31 and longevity have been an icon of dedication, success and family  
32 commitment:

33           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
35 commend and congratulate *The Richton Dispatch* on the occasion of  
36 its 100th anniversary to be commemorated in April 2005.

37           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
38 furnished to *The Richton Dispatch* and to the members of the  
39 Capitol Press Corps.