

By: Representatives Gunn, Clark

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 76

1 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO
2 SUPPORT MISSISSIPPI FARMERS AND OPPOSE CHANGES TO THE 2002 FARM
3 BILL.

4 WHEREAS, as elected officials representing the citizens of
5 Mississippi, there should be some concerns regarding various
6 proposals included in President Bush's Budget Deficit Reduction
7 Plan; and

8 WHEREAS, specifically concerned about the proposals to reduce
9 Farm Bureau benefits for production agriculture, any reduction in
10 the current support payment structure would severely impact the
11 local economies of the State of Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, reduction of farm level price support will result in
13 loss of revenue and loss of jobs in many businesses that rely on
14 the agricultural community for their livelihood; and

15 WHEREAS, any reduction to the benefits allotted in the 2002
16 Farm Bill would not only affect production agriculture, its entire
17 supporting infrastructure, and will ultimately negatively effect
18 the local tax bases in already difficult times in the state.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we stand firm in
21 supporting the farmers of this state and commit ourselves to
22 opposing any changes to the 2002 Farm Bill that would reduce
23 income at the producer level.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
25 furnished to the Yazoo County Farm Bureau and to the members of
26 the Capitol Press Corps.