

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 78

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND
2 DEDICATED LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OF BOBBY MOODY TO THE PEOPLE OF THE
3 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Bobby Moody, a former member of the Mississippi
5 House of Representatives with 20 years of legislative service as a
6 member from District 43, which includes Kemper, Noxubee and
7 Winston Counties, has been hailed a champion of citizens' health
8 issues throughout the State of Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, currently the Deputy Director of Administration with
10 the Division of Medicaid, Mr. Moody was first elected to the House
11 of Representatives in 1984, where he committed himself to the
12 service of the people of this great state until his 2004
13 gubernatorial appointment to the Division of Medicaid by Governor
14 Haley Barbour; and

15 WHEREAS, a native of Louisville and life-long resident of
16 Winston County, Mr. Moody attended Nanih Waiya High School and
17 East Central Junior College and owns several agricultural
18 enterprises in Winston County; and

19 WHEREAS, the talents and abilities of Mr. Moody were
20 recognized by the legislative leadership as evidenced by his
21 appointment to serve as Chairman of the House Public Health and
22 Welfare Committee in 1992, which he led with distinction until his
23 appointment as Chairman of the Forestry Committee in 2004; and

24 WHEREAS, championing the cause for Mississippians with
25 disabilities and working tirelessly on their behalf in his
26 capacity as Chairman of the Public Health and Welfare Committee,
27 Mr. Moody, in addition to his other legislative duties, also

28 served on the Appropriations, Congressional Redistricting,
29 Legislative Reapportionment, Conservation and Water Resources,
30 Forestry, Insurance, Interstate Cooperation, Legislative Budget,
31 Ways and Means, Medical Care Advisory and Department of Human
32 Services Oversight Committees; and

33 WHEREAS, recognized as a statewide leader in efforts to help
34 the needy and those with disabilities, particularly mental illness
35 and mental retardation, Mr. Moody was and still remains an avid
36 proponent of mental health awareness and education; and

37 WHEREAS, known by his colleagues as an able and dedicated
38 legislator who effectively represented the citizens of his
39 district and state, Mr. Moody has been honored by several state
40 health and mental health institutions as "Legislator of the Year"
41 in addition to being named as recipient of the Mary S. Baker Award
42 by the Rehabilitation Association of Mississippi; and

43 WHEREAS, Mr. Moody's leadership abilities have been
44 recognized nationally, as evidenced by his serving as Vice
45 Chairman of the Human Resources Committee and member of the Infant
46 Mortality Task Force to the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC)
47 of the Council of State Governments; and

48 WHEREAS, known as a "Gentleman Statesman" who possesses a
49 congenial nature, the ability to listen effectively and a good
50 sense of humor, Mr. Moody authored legislation during his tenure
51 that greatly improved fire protection, health care and education,
52 and undertook key positions to assist children and youth with
53 serious emotional disturbances and behavioral disorders; and

54 WHEREAS, in addition to his career as a successful
55 businessman and statesman, Mr. Moody has been a faithful member of
56 the Goodhope Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon, as well
57 as a devoted husband to the former Ann Crowson; father of two
58 children, Robin Fulton and Robert Moody, Jr.; and grandfather of
59 two grandchildren, Blake and Anna Fulton, who have supported him
60 in all of his endeavors; and

61 WHEREAS, Mr. Moody has been a central figure in helping shape
62 a brighter future for the disabled and less capable citizens of
63 Mississippi, and continues his dedicated service to the people of
64 the State of Mississippi in need of a champion for their cause:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
66 REPRESENTATIVES, That we do hereby commend the exceptional and
67 distinguished legislative service of Mr. Bobby Moody for his
68 unmatched contributions and express our deep appreciation to him
69 for the hard work and many sacrifices he has made to serve the
70 people of the State of Mississippi in the House of
71 Representatives.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
73 furnished to Mr. Bobby Moody and to the members of the Capitol
74 Press Corps.