

By: Representatives Rotenberry, Eaton,
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 82

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SELFLESSNESS OF
2 WORLD WAR II VETERAN A.G. JAMES.

3 WHEREAS, A.G. James, a resident of Morton, Mississippi, has
4 epitomized the model of citizenship in giving, commitment, zeal
5 for life and community spirit at its best through his unwavering
6 dedication and unselfish devotion to his community; and

7 WHEREAS, born September 9, 1915, in Polkville, Mississippi,
8 Mr. James graduated from Puckett High School as valedictorian,
9 from Jones Junior College in 1938 and received his bachelor's and
10 master's degrees from Mississippi State University in 1941 and
11 1952; and

12 WHEREAS, joining the Air Force in 1942 as an aerial engineer
13 gunner, Mr. James saw duty during World War II in New Guinea, the
14 Northern Solomons, the Bismarck Archipelago and the Western
15 Pacific, receiving the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the
16 Good Conduct Medal and the Asia Pacific Campaign (APTO) Medal; and

17 WHEREAS, honorably discharged in September 1945, Mr. James
18 began his 23-year career in education by teaching agriculture at
19 Puckett High School, which honored him with "A.G. James Day" on
20 September 30, 1960; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. James married the former Mary Ella Purvis on
22 March 12, 1947, and they were blessed with a son, Bob Purvis
23 James; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. James worked diligently at Puckett High School,
25 and for his commitment to agriculture, was appointed Assistant
26 Director to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture's meat

27 inspection division by Agriculture Commissioner Jim Buck Ross in
28 July 1968; and

29 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
30 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by
31 such outstanding Mississippians as Mr. A.G. James, whose life of
32 giving as a soldier and a citizen has benefited many individuals:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
35 commend Mr. A.G. James for his unselfish humanitarian acts of
36 kindness, tireless giving and unceasing devotion to his community.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
38 furnished to Mr. A.G. James and to the members of the Capitol
39 Press Corps.