

By: Representatives Stevens, Capps

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING WOODS E. EASTLAND
2 UPON HIS RECENT ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COTTON
3 COUNCIL FOR 2005.

4 WHEREAS, Woods E. Eastland, a Mississippi cooperative
5 executive, was recently elected Chairman of the National Cotton
6 Council for 2005 during the National Cotton Council's (NCC) annual
7 meeting on January 31, 2005; and

8 WHEREAS, Eastland, who served as NCC's Vice Chairman in 2004
9 and succeeds Woody Anderson, is President and CEO of the
10 Greenwood-based Staple Cotton Cooperative Association and Staple
11 Cotton Discount Corporation, the oldest farmer-owned cotton
12 marketing cooperative servicing Alabama, Arkansas, Florida,
13 Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee since 1921; and

14 WHEREAS, a native of Doddsville, Mississippi, Eastland holds
15 a bachelor of arts degree from Vanderbilt University, and a juris
16 doctorate degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, a licensed lay reader in the Episcopal Diocese of
19 Mississippi, Eastland served as a Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate
20 General's Corps for the United States Naval Reserve, practiced law
21 with the Jackson firm of Brunini, Grantham, Grower and Hewes and
22 was a faculty member of the Jackson School of Law prior to his
23 election to serve as Director of Staple Cotton in 1977; and

24 WHEREAS, in addition to his cooperative work, Eastland is
25 past President and Chairman of Cotton Council International, past
26 member of the Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange,
27 past Director of the Memphis Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and

28 former member of the Board of Governors of the New York Board of
29 Trade; and

30 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
31 recognize and commend our state's leaders, such as Woods Eastland,
32 whose pleasant demeanor and leadership ability has been of
33 invaluable service to the Farmer's Cooperative of Mississippi:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
35 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
36 commend the success and accomplishments of Woods E. Eastland upon
37 his recent election as Chairman of the National Cotton Council for
38 2005 and extend our warmest appreciation and support for his
39 continued success as he demonstrates his keen ability to lead his
40 colleagues and serve the people of Mississippi.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 furnished to Woods E. Eastland and to the members of the Capitol
43 Press Corps.