

By: Representatives Peranich, Bentz,
Fredericks, Guice, Ishee, Janus, Simpson,
Upshaw

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING TIM HINKLEY UPON BEING NAMED THE
2 RECIPIENT OF THE 2004 BILLY CREEL TOURISM AWARD.

3 WHEREAS, Tim Hinkley was named the 2004 Billy Creel Tourism
4 Award recipient for his leadership and contributions to the
5 Mississippi coastal community in promoting tourism; and

6 WHEREAS, a visionary with unrivaled energy and enthusiasm,
7 Mr. Hinkley, who graduated from Michigan State University with a
8 bachelor of science degree in hotel, restaurant and institutional
9 management, was appointed President and Chief Operating Officer of
10 the Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc., in 2003; and

11 WHEREAS, prior to his position as President, Mr. Hinkley
12 served as Senior Vice President of Operations for six years and
13 also Vice President and General Manager of the Isle of Capri
14 Casino Resort-Biloxi, Mississippi, since its inception in 1992;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, with an extensive background in casino operations,
17 Mr. Hinkley has previously worked with Steamboat Casino Cruises in
18 Iowa, Star Line Corporation, Schuler's Inc., and the Stouffer
19 Corporation; and

20 WHEREAS, his drive and determination to make Biloxi a better
21 place to live, work and play is ongoing through his membership,
22 service and contributions to the American Gaming Association, the
23 National Center for Responsible Gaming, the Mississippi Economic
24 Council and the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Hinkley also is a diligent member of the
26 Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Coast Community
27 Foundation Leadership Gulf Coast Program, YMCA Metro Board, United

28 Way of South Mississippi, Boys and Girls Club Leadership Board,
29 Harrison County Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Harrison
30 County Jet Service Task Force and Gulf Coast Economic Development
31 Council; and

32 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
33 recognize and commend excellence in outstanding Mississippians
34 such as Mr. Hinkley, who is the epitome of true volunteerism for
35 the Mississippi Gulf Coast:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
38 commend Mr. Tim Hinkley upon being named as the recipient of the
39 2004 Billy Creel Tourism Award.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
41 furnished to Mr. Tim Hinkley and to the members of the Capitol
42 Press Corps.