

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JOE TAYLOR FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF  
2 OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
3 MISSISSIPPI AND WISHING HIM WELL UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Joe Taylor, of the Mississippi House of  
5 Representatives, is completing 17 years of consecutive service as  
6 a member of the House from District 86, which includes Clarke,  
7 Perry and Wayne Counties; and

8 WHEREAS, born on December 24, 1942, in Copeland, Alabama,  
9 Representative Taylor attended Millry High School, Jones Junior  
10 College and Commonwealth College of Mortuary Science before  
11 beginning his career as a public servant in 1979 when he was  
12 elected Wayne County Coroner; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Taylor has worked for Freeman Funeral  
14 Home since August 1960, and upon the completion of the Mississippi  
15 Law Enforcement Training Academy, subsequently served as assistant  
16 chief of police in Waynesboro for 17 years; and

17 WHEREAS, the talents and ability of Joe Taylor were  
18 recognized by the legislative leadership as evidenced by his  
19 rising from freshman lawmaker to serve as Vice Chairman of the  
20 House Management and Rules Committee, in addition to serving or  
21 having served on the Appropriations, Agriculture, Constitution,  
22 Enrolled Bills, Ethics, Fees and Salaries of Public Officers,  
23 Judiciary A, Military Affairs, Oil, Gas and Other Minerals, Public  
24 Buildings, Grounds and Lands, Tourism, Transportation and Ways and  
25 Means Committees; and

26 WHEREAS, known by his colleagues as an able and dedicated  
27 legislator who has effectively represented the citizens of his

28 district and state, Representative Taylor was honored by the  
29 Mississippi Sheriff's Association as the 1989-1990 Outstanding  
30 Legislator of the Year and by the Mississippi Chief's Association  
31 as Outstanding Representative of the Year in 2003; and

32 WHEREAS, Representative Taylor's leadership abilities have  
33 been recognized by his colleagues and his constituents, who on  
34 Tuesday, May 3, 2005, elected him to the Office of Mayor of the  
35 City of Waynesboro, which is where he will begin the work of the  
36 people on July 5, 2005; and

37 WHEREAS, in addition to his career as a successful statesman,  
38 Representative Taylor has been a faithful member of the Baptist  
39 Church, as well as a devoted husband to Mrs. Bobbie Nell Becton  
40 Taylor; father of six children, Rachelle, Rhonda, Stephen, Lance,  
41 Tracey and Steven; seven grandchildren; three step-grandchildren;  
42 and two step-great-grandchildren, who have supported him in all of  
43 his endeavors; and

44 WHEREAS, Representative Taylor has indicated that pursuant to  
45 his taking the oath of office of mayor, he will retire and the  
46 members of the Mississippi Legislature wish to express their  
47 sincere appreciation to him for his dedicated service to the  
48 people of the State of Mississippi and for the personal sacrifices  
49 that he has made on their behalf:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
51 REPRESENTATIVES, That we do hereby commend our friend and  
52 colleague, Joe Taylor, for all that he has meant to the  
53 Mississippi State Legislature and for his unmatched contributions  
54 to the people of the State of Mississippi, and we want him to know  
55 that his presence and his leadership will be greatly missed by  
56 this legislative body.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
58 furnished to Representative Joe Taylor and to the members of the  
59 Capitol Press Corps.