

By: Representatives Carlton,
Davis, Dedeaux, Fillingane,
Frierson, Lott, Vince

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SELFLESS SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE
2 OF JAMES SMITH IN HIS CAPACITY AS CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR FOR LAMAR
3 COUNTY AND THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PERFORMING
4 EXEMPLARY EMERGENCY SERVICE DURING THE HURRICANE KATRINA CRISIS.

5 WHEREAS, when Hurricane Katrina made landfall on August 29,
6 2005, causing catastrophic damage to the Mississippi Coastal
7 Region as well as Central Mississippi, James Smith, Civil Defense
8 Director for Lamar County, and the Lamar County Board of
9 Supervisors, answered the call of duty; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith and the board of supervisors eagerly,
11 unselfishly and boldly stepped up to their duties assisting local
12 civil authorities in preserving public and private property and
13 enhancing the safety of citizens from Hurricane Katrina's
14 anticipated destruction; and

15 WHEREAS, since the hurricane's landfall, Mr. Smith and the
16 board of supervisors have worked incessantly to coordinate with
17 the Mississippi National Guard, law enforcement agencies
18 throughout the state and region and public utility providers to
19 ensure that the necessities of the citizens were being attended;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the days that followed Hurricane Katrina will remain
22 embedded in our lives and minds, and the acts of kindness and
23 compassion shown by Mr. Smith and the board of supervisors will
24 live on forever; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith and the board of supervisors continue to
26 demonstrate their commitment and fortitude by standing tall in the
27 face of adversity, putting their personal lives on hold, while

28 providing comfort and assistance to fellow Mississippians during
29 their time of need:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
32 commend Charlie Smith and the Lamar County Board of Supervisors
33 for their exemplary services, conduct and performance rendered
34 subsequent to Hurricane Katrina's unprecedented destruction.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
36 furnished to Mr. Smith, the Lamar County Board of Supervisors and
37 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.