

By: Representatives Holland, Miles, McCoy

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. WENDELL A. SIMPSON FOR  
2 EXCELLENT MANAGEMENT IN SUPERVISING THE COMPLETION OF THE NATCHEZ  
3 TRACE PARKWAY.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi gained an excellent asset  
5 in 1997 when Mr. Wendell A. Simpson became Superintendent of the  
6 Natchez Trace Parkway; and

7 WHEREAS, during his tenure, the 67-year journey to construct  
8 the 444-mile Natchez Trace Parkway was completed; and

9 WHEREAS, education, experience and dedication were key  
10 factors of Mr. Simpson's management style which led to effective  
11 completion of the Natchez Trace Parkway; and

12 WHEREAS, his education was received while attending Langston  
13 University, Central State University, Oklahoma University, Boston  
14 State College and Clark College (Clark Atlanta University); and

15 WHEREAS, he acquired intensive management education in the  
16 Carnegie Mellon Senior Executive Seminar, Harvard University's  
17 Senior Executive Fellows Program, John F. Kennedy School of  
18 Government and the Excellence in Leadership Seminar at the Disney  
19 Institute in Orlando, Florida; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson's professional experience began as a  
21 Life Underwriter with Travelers Insurance Company in Oklahoma City  
22 in 1968 and went on two years later to become special assistant to  
23 the Governor of Oklahoma as liaison for the State Office of  
24 Economic Opportunity; and

25 WHEREAS, his career in federal government began in 1976 with  
26 the Department of Commerce where he worked as a public works  
27 specialist; and

28           WHEREAS, participation in the Senior Management Program with  
29 the National Park Service would serve as the stepping stone he  
30 used to begin his cultivation in management; and

31           WHEREAS, after completing the management program, he served  
32 as Urban Affairs Officer for the North Atlantic Region and was  
33 responsible for coordinating activities with urban parks such as  
34 Boston National Historical Park, Adams National Historical Park,  
35 Gateway, the Manhattan Site, Statue of Liberty and Fire Island;  
36 and

37           WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson has a long history of managing other  
38 large projects such as Deputy Superintendent at Boston National  
39 Historical Park, project manager for the construction of a  
40 \$3,000,000.00 dormitory facility, Director of Gateway Job Corps,  
41 Deputy Superintendent of Boston National Historical Park and  
42 Superintendent of Canaveral National Seashore; and

43           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
44 and commend those who have been an asset to vital projects within  
45 the state:

46           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
48 THEREIN, That we commend Mr. Wendell A. Simpson for excellent  
49 management in supervising the completion of the Natchez Trace  
50 Parkway.

51           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
52 furnished to Mr. Wendell A. Simpson and to the members of the  
53 Capitol Press Corps.