

By: Representative Gibbs

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE HIRAM LODGE NO.17
2 ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 128TH ANNIVERSARY AND ITS FIRST ANNUAL
3 FOUNDER'S DAY AND HOMECOMING CELEBRATION ON MARCH 28, 2006.

4 WHEREAS, Sunday, March 26, 2006, will commemorate the Hiram
5 Lodge No. 17's First Annual Founder's Day and Homecoming
6 Celebration in the organization's 128th year of existence; and

7 WHEREAS, in the fall of 1878, Hiram Lodge opened its doors in
8 West Point, Mississippi, opening as the seventeenth lodge in the
9 State of Mississippi, with the intended purpose of disseminating
10 charity, promoting the spirit of brotherly love, teaching and
11 encouraging the ideas of peace, harmony and goodwill among people
12 and loyalty to our state and country; and

13 WHEREAS, though some of the historical record is bleak,
14 research and oral interpretations have allowed some records to be
15 collected, such as the 54th and 78th Communications of the Most
16 Worshipful Stringer Grand Lodge Hiram in the years of 1929 and
17 1953 respectively; and

18 WHEREAS, from old minute books, pertinent information was
19 collected giving the last account of the last 47 years' activities
20 and Worshipful Masters; and

21 WHEREAS, the legacy of great works continues with current
22 Worshipful Master, Jordan McFarland, leading lodge members in
23 their pursuit of excellence through more community based programs;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
26 commend the excellent efforts of such esteemed organizations as
27 the Hiram Lodge No. 17, whose works of promoting scholarship,

28 etiquette and community enrichment are monumental in the West
29 Point, Mississippi, community:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
32 commend and congratulate the Hiram Lodge No. 17 on the occasion of
33 its First Annual Founder's Day and Homecoming Celebration in the
34 organization's 128th year of existence and wish continued success
35 in all its future endeavors.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
37 furnished to Worshipful Master Jordan McFarland and to the members
38 of the Capitol Press Corps.