

By: Representatives Gibbs, Bailey

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. MAURICE F. LUCAS, SR., GRAND
2 MASTER OF M.W. STRINGER GRAND LODGE, PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION, UPON
3 HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND BEING SELECTED AS GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE
4 HIRAM LODGE NO. 17 FIRST ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DAY AND HOMECOMING
5 CELEBRATION.

6 WHEREAS, Maurice F. Lucas, Sr., is proud of his achievements
7 and his philosophy, "Someone must take the time to do it. Why not
8 me?" and he will share this philosophy as guest speaker for the
9 Hiram Lodge No. 17 First Annual Founder's Day and Homecoming
10 Celebration on Sunday, March 28, 2006; and

11 WHEREAS, his life's story is filled with success after
12 success as indicated by his service to the community as a member
13 of the United Way, mayor and school board member; and

14 WHEREAS, born in Mound Bayou, Mississippi, on October 4,
15 1944, as the third of eight children born to hard-working parents,
16 Julius and Gladys Lucas, he was instilled with the ethic of hard
17 work and the commitment to core values in life; and

18 WHEREAS, a natural leader who has enhanced his ability with
19 experience and education, Mr. Lucas earned his primary education
20 in Renova, Mississippi, and his secondary training at East Side
21 High School in Cleveland, before matriculating further to earn an
22 associate of arts degree from Coahoma Junior College and a
23 bachelor of business administration degree from Delta State
24 University; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Lucas held a full-time job while pursuing his
26 higher education degrees, and retired after 25 years as cost
27 analysis and accounting supervisor of Baxter Laboratories, all the
28 while acting as an entrepreneur bookkeeper and accountant; and

29 WHEREAS, he holds an impressive record of public service,
30 including: Mayor of Renova, Mississippi, Cleveland School
31 District Board of Trustees, Bolivar County Hospital Medical
32 Foundation Trustee, Bolivar County United Way, Bolivar County
33 Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi Manufacturing Association,
34 Mississippi Public Service Commission, National Conference of
35 Black Mayors and many more; and

36 WHEREAS, his wife, Carolyn, and their son, Maurice Jr.,
37 through their continued and unwavering love and support, have
38 offered additional incentives for him to identify and use his
39 unique gifts; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
41 recognize and commend such outstanding Mississippians as Mr.
42 Lucas, whose life work is marked by a spirit of giving:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
45 commend the accomplishments of Mr. Maurice F. Lucas, Sr.,
46 congratulate him upon being selected as guest speaker for the
47 Hiram Lodge No. 17 First Annual Founder's Day and Homecoming
48 Celebration and express warmest wishes for continued success in
49 all his future endeavors.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
51 furnished to Mr. Lucas and to the members of the Capitol Press
52 Corps.