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To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED  
2 LEGISLATIVE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OF REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES L.  
3 YOUNG, SR., AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON BEING HONORED BY THE  
4 LAUDERDALE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION AT THE CARNEGIE  
5 LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT APPRECIATION DINNER ON MAY 20, 2006.

6 WHEREAS, Representative Charles L. Young, Sr., through his  
7 dedicated legislative and community service, epitomizes  
8 humanitarianism at its best; and

9 WHEREAS, born August 27, 1931, to E.F. and Velma Beal Young  
10 in Meridian, Mississippi, and educated in the Meridian Public  
11 School System and subsequently earning a bachelor's degree in  
12 business administration from Tennessee State University,  
13 Representative Young has remained committed to education, as it  
14 keeps the door to opportunities open; and

15 WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army, having served  
16 during the Korean Conflict and receiving several service medals,  
17 including the Bronze Star of Valor, Representative Young's  
18 commitment to his nation, state and community continues through  
19 his public service which spans more than 26 years; and

20 WHEREAS, a local pioneer of the Civil Rights Movement,  
21 Representative Young dared to make a difference, becoming the  
22 first African-American member of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce  
23 at a time when it was unpopular for African Americans to have such  
24 affiliations; and

25 WHEREAS, dedicated to children and their education,  
26 Representative Young focused his efforts on helping low income  
27 children by creating Head Start in Mississippi, providing many

28 young children the opportunity to have an early childhood  
29 education; and

30 WHEREAS, as Chairman of the House Universities and Colleges  
31 Committee, Representative Young is one of the most highly  
32 respected members of the Mississippi Legislature, where his work  
33 has had a profound impact in the Meridian and Lauderdale County  
34 areas; and

35 WHEREAS, continuing to blaze new trails and opening new doors  
36 for the betterment of children, Representative Young's  
37 humanitarian contributions have extended to aiding the efforts to  
38 revitalize the Carnegie Library, Meridian's and possibly  
39 Mississippi's first library funded by the Carnegie Foundation to  
40 be used specifically for African-American citizens, built in 1912;  
41 and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
43 commend one if its own, for his paramount selflessness and  
44 undaunted commitment for equal, educational and career  
45 opportunities for all children of Mississippi, as evidenced by the  
46 life, zeal and career of Representative Young:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
49 commend the many years of dedicated legislative and community  
50 service of Representative Charles L. Young, Sr., congratulate him  
51 upon being honored by the Lauderdale County Human Relations  
52 Commission at the Carnegie Library Renovation Project  
53 Appreciation Dinner on May 20, 2006, and express best wishes for  
54 continued success in all his future endeavors.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
56 furnished to Representative Young, the Lauderdale County Human  
57 Relations Commission and to the members of the Capitol Press  
58 Corps.