

By: The Entire Membership

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.