

By: Representatives Zuber, Bentz,
Broomfield, Dedeaux, Fredericks, Guice,
Hamilton (109th), Ishee, Janus, Parker,
Patterson, Peranich, Read, Simpson, Upshaw,
Walley, Wells-Smith

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 125

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE, CAREER AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF
2 MR. ROBERT T. SMITH TO MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
3 AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR HIS SELFLESS AND MERITORIOUS
4 DEDICATION.

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Robert T. Smith, has consistently been the voice
6 championing the cause and success of Mississippi Gulf Coast
7 Community College (MGCCC) for a period spanning more than 40
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's advocacy for MGCCC began on June 1,
10 1965, when he was employed in the institution's technology
11 department, where he led the department throughout its period of
12 growth and development until his retirement on July 1, 2000; and

13 WHEREAS, since retiring, Mr. Smith has continued to maintain
14 his zeal for the betterment of MGCCC by serving as its
15 governmental liaison on a part-time basis; and

16 WHEREAS, a graduate of the Perkinston Campus, he holds a
17 bachelor of science degree from the University of Southern
18 Mississippi, and used his education and people skills to have a
19 positive impact in the lives of hundreds of young people in the
20 Gulfport area as an educator, a coach and a friend; and

21 WHEREAS, equipped with pizzazz and a talent for effectuating
22 change, Mr. Smith worked tirelessly to nurture the best interest
23 of the MGCCC, the state community college system and the
24 Mississippi Gulf Coast; and

25 WHEREAS, Robert T. Smith and his wife, Diane, who is also an
26 educator, have raised a wonderful family and contribute constantly
27 to the quality of life on the Mississippi Gulf Coast; and

28 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
29 recognize and commend the excellence of such outstanding and
30 selfless individuals as Mr. Smith, whose lifework has been
31 dedicated to the betterment of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community
32 College:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
35 commend the life, career and contributions of Mr. Robert T. Smith
36 to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and express
37 appreciation for his selfless and meritorious dedication.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 furnished to Mr. Robert T. Smith and to the members of the Capitol
40 Press Corps.