

By: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd), Horhn,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CIVIC AND HUMANITARIAN
2 CONTRIBUTIONS OF REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES L. YOUNG, SR., AND
3 EXPRESSING THE THANKS OF THE SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, Charles L. Young, Sr., fits the definition of a
5 humanitarian. His dedication to community and education keeps the
6 doors of opportunities open; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles L. Young was born on August 27, 1931. His
8 parents were E.F. Young and Velma Beal Young from Meridian,
9 Mississippi. He has four children: Veldore, Arthur, Deidre and
10 Charles, Jr. His wife, Doretha, passed away several years ago;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Charles attended the Meridian Public School System
13 and graduated from high school in 1947. He attended Tennessee
14 State University when his father passed away. His mother
15 shouldered the load of keeping E.F. Young Manufacturing Company
16 afloat. After receiving a BS Degree in Business Administration,
17 Charles served in the United States Army in the Korean Conflict
18 and received several medals, including the Bronze Star for Valor;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, after returning from his service in the Armed
21 Forces, Charles worked with his mother in the family business,
22 that started in 1931. While doing this he also became involved in
23 the Civil Rights Movement. In a time when it was not popular for
24 an African-American to be in the Chamber of Commerce, he was the
25 first member. Charles was several times "removed" from Weidmann's
26 Restaurant for being an African-American patron, but is now an
27 investor of the restaurant building; and

28 WHEREAS, he continues to head the community through his
29 public service, when in 1980 he ran for the Mississippi House of
30 Representatives. Since his service began, he has been unopposed;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, Charles is dedicated to children and their
33 education. He focused his efforts on helping low-income children
34 by creating Head Start in Mississippi. It is designed to receive
35 education, immunizations and healthy meals to children ages 3-5.
36 This preschool, Head Start, now takes children as early as six
37 weeks of age. It is a full-day program for those in need. This
38 provides the chance for so many young children to have the
39 opportunity for early childhood education. Charles is a Board
40 Member, and has been since its creation; and

41 WHEREAS, Charles believes when God gives you the opportunity,
42 you have to take advantage of it. Every Sunday he has a van that
43 he takes out to the Local Housing Authority Community and picks up
44 children for Sunday School and lunch. He is always making a
45 better way for children; and

46 WHEREAS, his love for tennis also flows over to children, as
47 he sponsors an annual tennis camp for over 100 children; and

48 WHEREAS, Representative Young is currently Chairman of the
49 Universities and Colleges Committee. While serving in the
50 Legislature, Charles has become one of its most respected members
51 and has made a huge impact in his local community. He has
52 tirelessly worked to help Meridian Community College, East
53 Mississippi State Hospital, The Riley Center and Hope for
54 Children. It is his legislative influence that implemented
55 sponsorship for Hope for Children and The Riley Center; and

56 WHEREAS, Charles continues to open new doors for the
57 betterment of children and this community. He is a true
58 humanitarian who has established an admirable record of service to
59 the State of Mississippi:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
61 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the civic and humanitarian
62 contributions of Representative Charles L. Young, Sr., and extend
63 to him the thanks and best wishes of the Mississippi Senate in his
64 future successes.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
66 Representative Young and be made available to the Capitol Press
67 Corps.