

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE
2 SELFLESS SERVICE AND DEDICATED CAREER OF MILLARD D. MACKEY TO THE
3 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AS CHIEF DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL ON THE OCCASION
4 OF HIS RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2006, Millard D. Mackey, Chief
6 Deputy Fire Marshal for the State of Mississippi, and a native of
7 Crystal Springs, Mississippi, ended nearly four decades of public
8 service with the State of Mississippi, which began in 1967; and

9 WHEREAS, having been with the State Fire Marshal's Office for
10 the past 29 years, Chief Mackey has served as State Chief Deputy
11 Fire Marshal, Assistant Chief Deputy and as a District Deputy Fire
12 Marshal; and

13 WHEREAS, prior to joining the staff of the Fire Marshal's
14 Office, Chief Mackey worked for the Mississippi Department of
15 Public Welfare (DHS) as a Special Investigator with the Legal
16 Division, as a State Hearing Officer with the Office of Review and
17 Appeals, and as a Social Worker in Child Protective Services, a
18 Police Officer in Brookhaven, was appointed in 1975 as the first
19 full-time Fire Chief of Hazlehurst and worked as a part-time
20 Deputy Sheriff in Copiah County; and

21 WHEREAS, under Chief Mackey's direction, the State Fire
22 Marshal's Office has since doubled the investigative personnel,
23 established a career ladder for advancement of deputy fire
24 marshals, tripled the office support staff, set up a new Fire Code
25 Enforcement and Factory-Build Homes Division and supervised the
26 Fire Service Development Division; and

27 WHEREAS, during Mackey's tenure, cutting-edge technology was
28 added to the Fire Marshal's Office with computers and the

29 development of a uniform fire investigative report system. The
30 office continued to progress under Mackey's leadership as state
31 emergency vehicles, state-issued firearms, uniforms and fire
32 safety equipment were provided for each deputy fire marshal; and

33 WHEREAS, a Baptist minister, Chief Mackey, a graduate of
34 Crystal Springs High School, attended Copiah-Lincoln Junior
35 College, received a bachelor of arts degree from William Carey
36 College, attended New Orleans Baptist Seminary, and since
37 commencing his fire service career, he has attended numerous
38 schools, conferences and seminars, including the National Fire
39 Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, at the FBI Academy in Quantico,
40 Virginia; and

41 WHEREAS, Chief Mackey's professional affiliations and
42 associations are too numerous to name, but some of which include:
43 Mississippi Fire Investigator's Association (IAAI chapter),
44 Mississippi Fire Chief's Association, Mississippi Firefighter's
45 Association, the National Association of State Fire Marshals,
46 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), International Code
47 Council (ICC) and a former member of the Governor's Homeland
48 Security Council with Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
49 (MEMA); and

50 WHEREAS, the Investigator of the Year by the Mississippi Fire
51 Investigator's Association (MFIA) in 1989, Chief Mackey has
52 exemplified the making of a devout and committed servant of the
53 people, as evidenced by his volunteer and professional experience;
54 and

55 WHEREAS, this Legislature finds it most befitting and
56 appropriate to recognize the diligence of the state employees who
57 unselfishly give of their time and energy to provide a safer and
58 better means of living to all the citizens of this state, such as
59 Chief Mackey, who has time and again, gone above and beyond the
60 call of duty to ensure the fire safety of all Mississippi
61 residents:

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
63 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
64 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Chief Millard
65 D. Mackey on the occasion of his retirement from the State Fire
66 Marshal's Office, and extend warmest wishes for continued success
67 in all his future endeavors.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
69 furnished to Chief Mackey, the State Fire Marshal's Office and to
70 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.