

By: Representatives Clarke, Coleman (65th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. CHARLES I. BRADLEY
2 UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM JIM HILL HIGH SCHOOL AS BAND DIRECTOR
3 AFTER 30 YEARS OF TEACHING IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles I. Bradley has faithfully served as a
5 band director since 1977 and is retiring after 30 years of
6 dedicated service; and

7 WHEREAS, a staunch believer in education, Mr. Bradley
8 graduated from North Natchez High School in 1972 and then received
9 a bachelor of arts degree in music in 1976 and a master in music
10 education in 1977 from Jackson State University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Bradley began his career of band directing at
12 Indianola Middle School in 1972 where he worked for four years and
13 helped students develop beginner skills on musical instruments;
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15 WHEREAS, in 1981, Mr. Bradley began serving as band director
16 at Siwell Middle School and faithfully served in that capacity
17 until 1992; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1992, Mr. Bradley began serving as band director
19 for Jim Hill High School's "Band of Distinction," a position that
20 he currently holds and where he helps students critique their
21 knowledge and skills of their instruments and has helped the
22 band's membership increase from 60 members to over 200 members;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Bradley, while at Jim Hill, has led the band to
25 receive great honors such as superior ratings in the Mississippi
26 High School Band Competition in 2000, 2001, 2003 and 2005; and

27 WHEREAS, in addition to receiving superior ratings, Jim Hill
28 High School Band, under the capable leadership of Mr. Bradley, has
29 received many other superior awards at the following events:

30 Mississippi High School Athletic Association, 29th Annual Copiah
31 Marching Band Festival, West Alabama Marching Band Festival and
32 the Mississippi Regional State Marching Band Competition; and

33 WHEREAS, Mr. Bradley has also had the "Band of Distinction"
34 participate in various community service projects such as the
35 following: Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade in St. Petersburg,
36 Florida; Jackson State University's Homecoming Parade; Jackson's
37 Annual Christmas Parade; Hudspeth Regional Center's Annual
38 Christmas Parade; Hattiesburg Black History Parade and the
39 Veteran's Day Parade in Birmingham, Alabama; and

40 WHEREAS, as a testament to his dedication to teaching young
41 people about music, Mr. Bradley received the Gold Apple Award in
42 1988 and the Executive Training Program Award in 1989 from the
43 Jackson Public School District; and

44 WHEREAS, in addition to serving as an award-winning band
45 director, Mr. Bradley also serves as Pastor of Pleasant Grove
46 Missionary Baptist Church, a position he has held since 1993; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
48 and commend the excellence of an individual such as Mr. Charles I.
49 Bradley who has been a superb band director and an excellent and
50 positive role model for his students and the community at large:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
53 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Charles I.
54 Bradley upon his retirement as the faithful and dedicated band
55 director of Jim Hill High School and extend heartiest wishes for
56 continued success in all of his future endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
58 furnished to Mr. Charles I. Bradley, Jim Hill High School and to
59 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.