

By: Representative Espy

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. GREGORY HOSKINS FOR BEING
2 APPOINTED AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLICE CHIEF FOR THE CITY
3 OF CLARKSDALE.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory Hoskins is honored to be appointed as
5 the first African-American Police Chief for the City of
6 Clarksdale; and

7 WHEREAS, this prestigious appointment was given to him on
8 October 2, 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, he is supported in his endeavors by his wife, Lula,
10 and three daughters, Renita, Cherelle and Kenisha; and

11 WHEREAS, he is a faithful member of New Bethel Missionary
12 Baptist Church in Clarksdale, Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, his career with the Clarksdale Police Department
14 spans a 21-year period that began on December 26, 1985; and

15 WHEREAS, after serving many years as an officer, he was
16 promoted to Sergeant on July 17, 1990, to Captain on December 9,
17 1996, to Assistant Chief on January 5, 1999, and to Interim Chief
18 on July 10, 2006; and

19 WHEREAS, as one who views his job as a calling, Chief Hoskins
20 has implemented a number of programs to improve the lifestyles of
21 the citizens within the community; and

22 WHEREAS, the school mentor program, college recruitment plan,
23 "Clean Up Gang Graffiti Day," Punt Pass Kick Day, Father's Day Out
24 at the Schools, Merchant Contact Program, Pinning Ceremony for
25 Promotional Officers, Officer of the Month Program and Second
26 Chance Program were all implemented by Chief Hoskins during his
27 career with the Clarksdale Police Department:

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
29 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
30 commend Gregory Hoskins for being appointed as the first
31 African-American Police Chief for the City of Clarksdale,
32 Mississippi.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
34 furnished to Chief Gregory Hoskins, the Clarksdale Police
35 Department and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.