

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER OF THE
2 NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION FOR THE WORK OF ITS TIRELESS
3 VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS WHO HAVE RETURNED OVER \$1,400,000.00 TO THE
4 STATE.

5 WHEREAS, the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) supports
6 scientific wildlife management on public, private and corporate
7 lands, as well as wild turkey hunting, as a traditional North
8 American Sport; and

9 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Chapter of the NWTf is composed of
10 10,000 tireless volunteers and members who have worked hard to
11 return over \$1,400,000.00 to this state and to carry out its
12 mission statement "*conservation of the wild turkey and*
13 *preservation of the hunting tradition*"; and

14 WHEREAS, the money generated was used at the national, state
15 and local levels for projects that directly or indirectly benefit
16 wild turkeys and turkey hunting; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Mississippi chapters used the money to
18 provide 15 scholarships to graduating high school seniors, host
19 five women in various outdoors events, host 29 disabled youth in
20 hunting with celebrities, allocated \$5,000.00 for Wheelin'
21 Sportsmen Events, donated 48 frozen turkeys to needy families and
22 many more independent community projects; and

23 WHEREAS, the Mississippi chapters also work in partnership
24 with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
25 (MDWFP) to provide clover seed to wildlife management areas
26 statewide, to purchase mechanical decoys for MDWFP, to make reward
27 payments for reporting wild turkey violations, to provide

28 Conservation Officer of the Year awards and donate \$2,500.00 to
29 the Mississippi Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program; and

30 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
31 commend organizations that educate our youth and preserve our
32 precious wildlife and natural resources:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
35 commend the Mississippi Chapter of the National Wild Turkey
36 Federation for the work of its tireless volunteers and members who
37 have returned over \$1,400,000.00 to the state.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 furnished to the Mississippi Chapter of the National Wild Turkey
40 Federation and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.