

By: Representatives Norquist, Coleman (29th) To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 50

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CLEVELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE  
2 DEPARTMENT FOR ITS DEDICATED SERVICE OF OVER 86 YEARS TO THE  
3 PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI, AND FOR BEING THE  
4 FIRST AND ONLY ALL-VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACHIEVE A CLASS  
5 FIVE INSURANCE RATING.

6 WHEREAS, the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department, originally  
7 organized in August 1920, has served the citizens of the City of  
8 Cleveland for over 86 years; and

9 WHEREAS, through the selfless acts of its membership, the  
10 Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department has carried out a successful  
11 program of fire prevention and firefighting, which has resulted in  
12 the preservation of lives and property since its inception; and

13 WHEREAS, the membership of the Cleveland Volunteer Fire  
14 Department is comprised solely of volunteers who, through their  
15 own acts of bravery, dedication, pride and sense of community,  
16 exemplify the values and character that has allowed the City of  
17 Cleveland to continue to grow and prosper; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1966, the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department  
19 through its exceptional performance of its duties, was the first  
20 all-volunteer fire department in the State of Mississippi to earn  
21 a Class Six fire insurance rating; and

22 WHEREAS, on November 1, 2006, through its membership's  
23 continued commitment to excellence, the Cleveland Volunteer Fire  
24 Department has achieved the distinction of being the first and  
25 only all-volunteer fire department in the State of Mississippi to  
26 earn a coveted Class Five insurance rating; and

27 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
28 recognize and commend superior service and dedication to the State

29 of Mississippi and its citizens as exemplified by the firemen and  
30 personnel of the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department:

31       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
33 commend the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department for its many years  
34 of outstanding service and unselfish devotion to the City of  
35 Cleveland and its citizens and extend warmest wishes for continued  
36 success and safety.

37       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
38 furnished to the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department, the City of  
39 Cleveland, *The Bolivar Commercial*, *The Cleveland News Leader* and  
40 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.