

By: Representatives Mayo, Espy, Brown

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 82

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED
2 SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF GEORGE F. WALKER TO THE CITY OF
3 CLARKSDALE, COAHOMA COUNTY, COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TO THE
4 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, George F. Walker, a native of the Commonwealth of
6 Massachusetts, received a bachelor of business administration and
7 a master of arts degree from Clark University in the Commonwealth
8 and a master of arts in industrial management from Worcester
9 Polytechnic; and

10 WHEREAS, subsequent to his matriculation in higher education,
11 Mr. Walker served in the United States Army during World War II
12 before embarking on a career in industrial manufacturing; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker and his wife, Gladys, moved to and
14 founded Delta Wire Corporation in Clarksdale, Mississippi, in
15 1978, building the company into an award winning, nationally
16 recognized supplier of a superior drawn wire product, and becoming
17 a major supplier to international manufacturers requiring superior
18 bead wire for their products, ranging from reinforcement for
19 tires, to contact springs in flashlights, to trans-oceanic wire
20 for the communications industry; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker's interest in his community moved him to
22 the forefront of economic development, not only in Coahoma County,
23 but also in the State of Mississippi, evidenced by his becoming
24 President of the Clarksdale-Coahoma County Industrial Foundation,
25 board member of the Mississippi Industries for the Blind, the
26 Board of Trustees of the Northwest Regional Medical Center, the
27 Executive Board of the Enterprise Corporation of the Delta, the
28 Business School Advisory Board for Delta State University, the

29 Task Force to Revitalize the Delta and Cochairman of the
30 Mississippi Federal Workforce Training Council and of the
31 Tri-County Workforce Alliance; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker, whose knowledge, intuitiveness and
33 business savvy attributes transcend party lines, has been
34 appointed by successive Democratic and Republican Governors to
35 three consecutive six-year terms to the State Board of Community
36 and Junior Colleges and is in his tenth year of service as
37 chairman; and

38 WHEREAS, for his dedication and commitment to excellence on
39 the academic and economic fronts, Mr. Walker has received the
40 National Governors' Association Distinguished Service Award, the
41 Entergy Teamwork Mississippi Community Leadership Award, the
42 Public Education Forum of Mississippi Distinguished Service Award,
43 received from Governor Kirk Fordice a Citation for Outstanding
44 Contributions to Overall Growth and Development of Mississippi and
45 is an inductee of the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame; and

46 WHEREAS, in words expressed by Dr. Vivian Presley, President
47 of Coahoma Community College, "George Walker was instrumental in
48 the development of the Coahoma County Higher Education Center in
49 Clarksdale, a partnership between Coahoma Community College and
50 Delta State University. He works very closely with Coahoma's
51 Workforce Development Center and makes sure that we are meeting
52 the training needs of businesses and industries in our service
53 area. He is not only an advocate for Coahoma Community College
54 but the entire community college system; he is a true friend and
55 gentleman. The Delta area has been positively impacted because of
56 his commitment and dedication to promote the economic growth of
57 this area."; and

58 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
59 recognize and commend such remarkable Mississippians as Mr.
60 Walker, whose knowledge and resources have been employed in the

61 advancement of Mississippi's beneficiaries of collegiate education
62 and its economic development:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
64 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
65 recognize and commend the distinguished service and contributions
66 of George F. Walker to the City of Clarksdale, Coahoma County,
67 Coahoma Community College and to the State of Mississippi, express
68 deepest appreciation for his services rendered and extend warmest
69 wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
71 furnished to Mr. George F. Walker and to the members of the
72 Capitol Press Corps.