

By: Representative Clarke

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
2 ALFRED LEE "FROG" WILSON, SR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT,
3 AND EXPRESSING TO HIM THAT HE WILL BE VERY MUCH MISSED AT THE
4 CAPITOL.

5 WHEREAS, our friend and colleague Alfred Lee "Frog" Wilson,
6 Sr., was born on April 10, 1947, in Itta Bena, Mississippi, to
7 Annie Mae Wilson and J.B. Leggett; and

8 WHEREAS, he moved to Jackson as a child and has lived here
9 for the majority of his life, leaving his home state of
10 Mississippi on occasion--to be with his father in California once
11 in his youth, and then again for a longer time after his mother
12 passed away; and

13 WHEREAS, when he returned to Jackson after his first stay in
14 California, Alfred entered public service by working for several
15 years at Central High School before returning to California; and

16 WHEREAS, while residing in California, Alfred started a
17 successful career with Safeway Food Stores working as a forklift
18 operator for the company; and

19 WHEREAS, during that time, he married Robi Jones, and
20 although this first marriage ended, Alfred became the proud father
21 of his son, Alfred Lee Wilson, Jr., and of his stepchildren,
22 Reggie and Vickie; and

23 WHEREAS, upon his permanent return to Mississippi in the late
24 1970s, Alfred worked for Service America for approximately five
25 years, before he returned to public service; and

26 WHEREAS, this legislative body was very fortunate in that
27 when Alfred returned to public service in 1984, it was to work for
28 the Mississippi House of Representatives; and

29 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the House of Representatives,
30 Alfred has distinguished himself as a loyal and faithful friend
31 and colleague of each member of the House and its staff, all of
32 whom value and treasure his friendship; and

33 WHEREAS, his talent and abilities quickly made it clear that
34 he was capable of serving as the Official House Messenger,
35 entrusted with delivering sensitive and financial transaction
36 documents to locations outside the Capitol, and he has served in
37 that position for many years; and

38 WHEREAS, Alfred's cheerful attitude and great sense of humor,
39 along with his readiness to assist and serve both Representatives
40 and staffers, have made it our extreme pleasure to work with him
41 all these years; and

42 WHEREAS, he is the beloved husband of Christine Jones, having
43 joyfully shared his life with her for 30 happy and blessed years,
44 and he is the proud and loving patriarch of a large and handsome
45 family, including his son and daughter-in-law, Alfred and Monique
46 Wilson; his stepchildren, Barbara Lynn, Christell, James,
47 Layvette, Reggie and Vickie; and his grandchildren, Christopher,
48 Jasmine, Jonathan, Kara, Mikell, Nikiya, Tiffany and Torez; and

49 WHEREAS, in addition to his outstanding career, Alfred has
50 found time to celebrate life by enjoying various hobbies,
51 including fishing, cooking, playing bingo and spending good times
52 with his family and many friends; and

53 WHEREAS, not only has Alfred experienced great success in
54 playing bingo over the years, but he is known by all to be a very
55 accomplished fisherman, as demonstrated by his record-breaking
56 catch of February 15, 2006, where he caught a largemouth bass
57 weighing 13 pounds 3 ounces on the Spillway at the Ross Barnett
58 Reservoir; and

59 WHEREAS, our friend Alfred, known to us with great affection
60 and love as "Frog," will be retiring for health reasons earlier
61 than we had hoped, and we want him to know that his generous and

62 loving spirit, his ready smile, and his sunny disposition will be
63 very much missed at the Capitol; that he has brought much
64 happiness and joy to his many friends and family members; and that
65 even though he may be retired, he will never be forgotten at the
66 Mississippi State Capitol:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
68 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
69 commend the career and accomplishments of our dear friend and
70 colleague, Alfred Lee "Frog" Wilson, Sr., and express to him that
71 he will be very much missed at the Capitol and that we hope he
72 will visit as often as possible.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
74 presented to Mr. Alfred Lee "Frog" Wilson, Sr., and furnished to
75 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.