

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 106

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE BILL
2 MILES FOR HIS LEGISLATIVE LEGACY AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON THE
3 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES.

5 WHEREAS, Representative Bill Miles, an honored and cherished
6 member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, will make the
7 2007 legislative year his last legislative year when he retires;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Honorable Bill Miles was elected in February
10 1996 from a field of six candidates by the citizens of District
11 21, which is composed of parts of Itawamba and Monroe Counties;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, he has utilized the wisdom and experience that he
14 has accrued over the years to guide him in his duties as Chairman
15 of both the House Transportation Committee and Appropriations
16 Sub-Committee for Transportation and as a member of County
17 Affairs, Tourism, Public Utilities and the Joint House-Senate
18 Committee to Investigate State Offices; and

19 WHEREAS, as a native of Itawamba County, Representative Bill
20 Miles grew up on a farm in the historic community of Tilden, and
21 after graduating from high school, he attended Itawamba Community
22 College and the University of Mississippi; and

23 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chairman of Transportation, he
24 has developed a reputation as one of the most knowledgeable people
25 in the area of transportation and is considered a champion for
26 highways, public education and health care; and

27 WHEREAS, like all champions, he has been honored for his
28 efforts by many organizations, including the Mississippi Organ

29 Recovery Association for authoring a bill to require education of
30 first time driver's license recipients on designating themselves
31 as donors, the Mississippi Railroad Association awarded him
32 "Legislator of the Year" for his efforts in promoting rail
33 crossing safety, and he was awarded the Seat Belt Champion Award
34 for his successful guidance into law of the Primary Seat Belt
35 legislation; and

36 WHEREAS, throughout the years, Representative Miles has
37 utilized his leadership skills in the community as a former
38 president of the Amory-North Monroe Chamber of Commerce, former
39 member of the Board of Directors of the Itawamba County
40 Development Council, former officer and board member of the
41 Mississippi Press Association, trustee for the Magnolia Bible
42 College, and member of the board of Sunnybrook Children's Home and
43 Sunnybrook Estates, Inc. in Madison and Ridgeland, Mississippi;
44 and

45 WHEREAS, before he began his dedicated service to the
46 Mississippi House of Representatives, Representative Miles was an
47 owner, publisher and editor of a community newspaper, held
48 business interests in Itawamba, Monroe and Lee counties, was a
49 partner in a newspaper enterprise in Lamar County, an advertising
50 and public relations executive in Tupelo, a former journalism and
51 marketing instructor for Itawamba Community College at Fulton and
52 the Ole Miss Center in Tupelo, Mississippi; and

53 WHEREAS, Representative Miles is a strong man of faith who is
54 an active member of Fulton Church of Christ where he serves as an
55 elder and Bible Class teacher; and

56 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Mississippi House of
57 Representatives to honor one of our own, who has represented his
58 district as well as this legislative body with honor and dignity:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
60 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
61 commend Representative Bill Miles for his legislative legacy and

62 congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement from the
63 Mississippi House of Representatives.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to Representative Bill Miles and to the members of the
66 Capitol Press Corps.