

By: Representative Turner

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ALAN MARK BANK  
2 UPON BEING NAMED TUPELO'S OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR.

3 WHEREAS, on February 12, 2010, the Junior Auxiliary of Tupelo  
4 named Mr. Alan Mark Bank Tupelo's Outstanding Citizen of the Year,  
5 and it is with great appreciation that we recognize his  
6 accomplishment and his dedication and devotion to education, the  
7 arts, economic development and health care within the Tupelo  
8 community; and

9 WHEREAS, a retired consultant and a former captain of  
10 industry turned philanthropist in retirement, Mr. Bank, who is a  
11 proud resident of the City of Tupelo and Lee County, accepted the  
12 honor before a crowd of more than 750 gathered to honor his  
13 achievement; and

14 WHEREAS, cheered on by his wife, Marilynne, and members of  
15 his family, the 81-year-old ascended a stage with a face of pure  
16 joy that is only shown by a person who has followed his or her  
17 calling; and

18 WHEREAS, crediting the people of Tupelo for giving him the  
19 opportunity, Mr. Bank calls volunteering an awesome privilege and  
20 feels he is fortunate to help people in need; and

21 WHEREAS, moving from Jersey City, New Jersey, to Tueplo, Mr.  
22 Bank served as the Chief Executive of Super Sagless for more than  
23 40 years; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Bank's vocabulary does not include the word  
25 "no," and due to his reputation of getting people to work together  
26 for superior results for the good of the community, he is sought  
27 after daily by his peers; and



28           WHEREAS, after his successful career with Super Sagless, Mr.  
29 Bank could have easily retired, hitting the golf course or tennis  
30 court, but this was not enough for him; and

31           WHEREAS, instead of relaxing after his retirement from Super  
32 Sagless, Mr. Bank became the President and Chairman of the Board  
33 of the Regional Rehabilitation Center in Tueplo; and

34           WHEREAS, Mr. Bank loves working at the Rehabilitation Center  
35 with those who make him feel wanted and appreciated; and

36           WHEREAS, Mr. Bank has been at Regional Rehabilitation Center  
37 for over four years where he recently spearheaded a successful \$2  
38 million capital campaign to remodel the center; and

39           WHEREAS, the Regional Rehabilitation Center is the only  
40 facility in Northeast Mississippi that provides comprehensive  
41 services related to an early intervention program for infants and  
42 toddlers at risk for developmental delay under one roof,  
43 including services related to audiology, speech therapy, physical  
44 therapy and occupational therapy; and

45           WHEREAS, beyond his service to the Regional Rehabilitation  
46 Center, Mr. Bank has left his stamp on the Good Samaritan Free  
47 Clinic, Itawamba Community College Foundation, Tupelo Artist  
48 Guild, Cultural Alliance of Tupelo and Lee County, Sanctuary  
49 Hospice House, North Mississippi Medical Center, Mississippi Arts  
50 Commission and numerous other organizations; and

51           WHEREAS, those who know Mr. Bank best say that his  
52 dedication to Tupelo is unmatched, and his quiet demeanor and  
53 generous good will to all are obvious upon meeting him; and

54           WHEREAS, an Air Force veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Bank  
55 earned degrees from Rider University in New Jersey and New York  
56 University Graduate Business School, and completed the Advanced  
57 Management Program at Harvard Business School; and

58           WHEREAS, as a guest lecturer, Mr. Bank not only gives his  
59 time, but shares his experience with students at the University  
60 of Mississippi Business School and Saltillo High School; and



61           WHEREAS, Mr. Bank's faith is strong as demonstrated by his  
62 being an active member of Temple B'nai Israel in Tupelo; and

63           WHEREAS, Mr. Bank and his lovely and gracious wife,  
64 Marilynne, have three daughters, Avery, Merritt Lee and Hillary,  
65 and three grandchildren, Skylar, Eliza and Wyatt; and

66           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
67 honor diligent citizens such as Mr. Bank, whose legacy of  
68 dedicated service is exemplified by outstanding leadership and  
69 volunteerism for his community:

70           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
71 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
72 commend Mr. Alan Mark Bank on being named Tupelo's Outstanding  
73 Citizen of the Year, recognize his contributions as a community  
74 volunteer, and extend best wishes for many years of good health  
75 and enjoyment in the future.

76           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
77 furnished to Mr. Alan Mark Bank and to the members of the Capitol  
78 Press Corps.

