

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 88

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE HENRY "CHUCK" ESPY III
2 FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
3 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND WISHING HIM WELL UPON HIS
4 RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, after 16 years of dedicated service, Representative
6 Henry "Chuck" Espy III, a distinguished member of the Mississippi
7 House of Representatives, will make the 2015 legislative year his
8 last when he retires from the Legislature at the end of the
9 current term of office; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Espy began his legislative service in
11 2000 after being elected by the citizens of District 26, which
12 currently includes parts of Coahoma and Quitman Counties and
13 previously included parts of Bolivar County; and

14 WHEREAS, born April 24, 1975, in Clarksdale, Mississippi,
15 Representative Espy graduated with a bachelor of arts from
16 Southern University at Baton Rouge and a MBA from Bethel
17 University at McKenzie, Tennessee; and

18 WHEREAS, gaining his stature as a statesman by rising through
19 the ranks from freshman lawmaker to Chairman of the Investigate



20 State Offices Committee and Vice Chairman of Fees and Salaries of
21 Public Officers, Representative Espy used the experience he gained
22 over his tenure to perform his duties as a member of the following
23 committees: Agriculture; Apportionment and Elections;
24 Conservation and Water Resources; Education; Energy; Ethics;
25 Juvenile Justice; Oil, Gas and Other Minerals; Public Health and
26 Human Services; Universities and Colleges; and Youth and Family
27 Affairs; and

28 WHEREAS, one of Representative Espy's great passions in life
29 is the Chuck Espy Foundation, which was started to provide
30 constituent assistance to families in financial crisis, and its
31 endowment is supported by Representative Espy; and

32 WHEREAS, the CEO of Century Funeral Home and Burial
33 Association, Representative Espy constantly strived during his
34 legislative service to ensure that the people of his district were
35 provided with every opportunity for a quality education and
36 economic mobility; and

37 WHEREAS, Representative Espy, a devout member of Haven United
38 Methodist Church, is looking forward to spending more time at home
39 upon his retirement from the Legislature with his loving family,
40 including his supportive wife, the former Lynn Pettis, and his
41 three children, Allison, Hannah and Henry; and

42 WHEREAS, throughout the years, Representative Espy has
43 utilized his leadership skills in the community as an active



44 member with the NAACP, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Prince Hall
45 Masons and the President's Council on Race Relations; and

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

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
51 honor the legislative legacy of Representative Henry "Chuck" Espy
52 III, express gratitude for his many years of dedicated service to
53 the people of the State of Mississippi and congratulate him upon
54 his retirement from the Mississippi House of Representatives.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of his resolution be
56 furnished to Representative Henry "Chuck" Espy III and to the
57 members of the Capitol Press Corp.

