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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY 2016, AS
2 "POLICE APPRECIATION MONTH" IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SELFLESS
3 COMMITMENT TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITIES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 WHEREAS, police officers play an essential role in
6 safeguarding the rights and freedoms we are guaranteed as citizens
7 of this nation and state through the entitlements of our
8 respective constitutions; and

9 WHEREAS, the men and women of the police departments in
10 Mississippi provide a vital public service, enhance the quality of
11 life and provide for social justice and public safety as part of
12 their duty and mission to protect and serve through their constant
13 application of new procedures and techniques to allow them to
14 become more efficient in the enforcement of our state's laws; and

15 WHEREAS, police officers accept a profound responsibility and
16 work to uphold our laws, safeguard our individual liberties and
17 serve on the front lines in the fight against crime; and

18 WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and
19 understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their



20 police department, and that members of our police department
21 recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and
22 property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by
23 protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against
24 oppression or intimidation; and

25 WHEREAS, in addition to recognizing those officers still
26 serving today, it is with heavy hearts that we mourn the heroes
27 taken from us only because they chose to serve, and we rededicate
28 ourselves to carrying forward their noble legacy; and

29 WHEREAS, it is both fitting and proper that we concertedly
30 express our gratitude for the dedicated service and courageous
31 deeds of law enforcement officers throughout this state and for
32 their contributions to preserving the security and well-being of
33 all of Mississippi's citizens and visitors; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to acknowledge
35 the selfless character of the men and women who serve in blue, who
36 protect us without regard to whatever danger they may face:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
39 THEREIN, That we do hereby proclaim and designate the month of May
40 2016, as "Police Appreciation Month" in the State of Mississippi,
41 and publicly salute the service of police officers who guard our
42 communities and protect our citizens.



43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to the chief law enforcement officer of each county and
45 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

