

By: Representatives Monsour, Denton, Dixon

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 SERGEANT LEROY WILLIAMS UPON WINNING THE TOP COP AWARD.

3 WHEREAS, Warren County's Sergeant Leroy Williams has touched
4 the lives of thousands of people in the nearly 40 years he has
5 served as a law enforcement officer and at the 10th annual Police
6 Officers' Memorial Day program in Jackson, Mississippi, he was
7 finally recognized for his years of distinguished service with the
8 Top Cop award; and

9 WHEREAS, Mississippi's observation of Peace Officers' Week of
10 2015 started on Monday, May 11, 2015, and coincided with National
11 Police Week, set aside by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, which
12 honors current police officers and mourns the loss of the 140-160
13 officers who are killed in the line of duty each year; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2015 Police Memorial and Top Cop Luncheon was
15 held at the Mississippi Trade Mart and has been organized for the
16 past nine years by the nonprofit, Mississippi Center for Police
17 and Sheriffs; and



18 WHEREAS, a most deserving public servant, Sergeant Williams
19 earned the Top Cop award due to his dedication to law enforcement,
20 as evidenced by his storied career, which began with the Vicksburg
21 Police Department in 1976, before retiring in 1996 as a lieutenant
22 over traffic division; and

23 WHEREAS, only able to leave his devotion to the field for two
24 years, he returned to work in the Warren County Sheriff's
25 Department at the request of the sheriff, an offer Sergeant
26 Williams was unable to refuse; and

27 WHEREAS, a 64-year-old hero who is only able to work in this
28 dangerous profession through the support of his beloved wife,
29 Dianne, Sergeant Williams has often stated that: "If you really
30 want to work and stay in one job, you've got to be as devoted to
31 it as you are to your wife"; and

32 WHEREAS, as evidenced by Sergeant Williams' relationship with
33 both his wife and his calling, he has truly been devoted to Dianne
34 who has stood by him through thick and thin, even when he would be
35 required to wake late at night, grab a cup of coffee and head into
36 the field because duty called him to serve; and

37 WHEREAS, the vocation has not exclusively been risk and
38 fatigue, Sergeant Williams has been a mainstay at parades, special
39 events and directing traffic at funerals; and

40 WHEREAS, unable to venture out publicly without starting a
41 dynamic conversation with passersby, it is obvious that everyone
42 in the community knows and loves Sergeant Williams, but none know



43 him better than the Miss Mississippi contestants for whom he
44 provides protective services during their entire week stay at the
45 Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg, and from their parade to
46 their autograph party, Sergeant Williams leads the law enforcement
47 escort; and

48 WHEREAS, although Sergeant Williams specializes in accident
49 investigation and traffic management, he has always made himself
50 available to the public; a perfect example of community policing,
51 he can be seen at most community events, including at the
52 Salvation Army First Responders Breakfast on the anniversary of
53 9-11 where he praised the charity for their hard work and service;
54 and

55 WHEREAS, Sergeant Williams continues in a dynasty of law
56 enforcement, following in the footsteps of his father,
57 grandfather, great-grandfather and brother who have all served,
58 expressing that no matter which route he took, his life always
59 redirected to wearing a badge and a gun to serve; and

60 WHEREAS, on May 14, 2015, Sergeant Williams attended the
61 Police Memorial Day Top Cop Luncheon that included memorial
62 services, a singing of the national anthem, prayers for fallen
63 officers' families, the stars and stripes waving and, of course,
64 honoring local community hero Top Cops; and

65 WHEREAS, the Top Cop award is not only a statewide function,
66 but a national Top Cop event was also held where Vice President
67 Joe Biden spoke to the nation and even directly to Mississippi,



68 honoring police officers for the risks they take and the
69 unshakeable and undeniable responsibility the nation has to peace
70 officers in return; and

71 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
72 the accomplishments and service of such amazing leaders and public
73 servants as Sergeant Leroy Williams who has dedicated his life to
74 the State of Mississippi, family and service to his community:

75 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
76 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
77 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Sergeant Leroy
78 Williams on honoring and continuing to serve Vicksburg and
79 Mississippi by earning the Top Cop award and extend the heartiest
80 wishes for his success in all of his future endeavors.

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
82 furnished to Sergeant Leroy Williams and to the members of the
83 Capitol Press Corps.

