

By: Representatives Hood, Beckett, Roberson, To: Rules  
White, Lamar, Campbell

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JUSTICE  
2 DAVID ANTHONY CHANDLER UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI  
3 SUPREME COURT AFTER A DISTINGUISHED CAREER AND NEW APPOINTMENT AS  
4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S  
5 SERVICES.

6 WHEREAS, Justice David Anthony Chandler has left his elected  
7 post on the highest court in the State of Mississippi after  
8 Governor Phil Bryant appointed him as the Executive Director of  
9 the Division of Family and Children's Services, and even though  
10 Justice Chandler will undoubtedly succeed in his new role, the  
11 judiciary of Mississippi has lost an honorable, learned and highly  
12 esteemed member; and

13 WHEREAS, Justice Chandler was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi,  
14 and moved with his family to Weir just before his first year of  
15 school, and after graduating from Weir High School in 1964, he  
16 attended Mississippi State University, where he earned his  
17 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in education; and

18 WHEREAS, after completing his education at Mississippi State  
19 University, Justice Chandler pursued his passion of education,



20 spending 20 years in the field, including ten years as a Research  
21 and Curriculum Specialist at Mississippi State University; and

22 WHEREAS, even though Justice Chandler was accomplished in the  
23 field of education, he transitioned from the realm of professional  
24 academia to pursue a career in law and attended law school at the  
25 University of Mississippi School of Law, where he subsequently  
26 earned his Juris Doctorate; and

27 WHEREAS, following his completion of the Socratic rigors that  
28 make arbiters of adolescents, barristers of boys and mediators of  
29 men, and upon successful passage and admittance to The Mississippi  
30 Bar, Justice Chandler began his storied career in the practice of  
31 law in Tupelo, and in January 2000, his law firm opened a branch  
32 office in Ackerman, which allowed him to represent the Board of  
33 Supervisors in Choctaw County and serve as municipal judge for his  
34 hometown of Weir from 1999 until 2001; and

35 WHEREAS, in 2000, Justice Chandler was elected as a judge on  
36 the Mississippi Court of Appeals, served from 2001 to 2008, and in  
37 May 2004, he was awarded a Master of Laws in the Judicial Process  
38 from the University of Virginia School of Law, making history in  
39 the process as the first Mississippi Court of Appeals judge to  
40 complete this nationally acclaimed program; and

41 WHEREAS, Justice Chandler was re-elected to the Court of  
42 Appeals in 2006 without opposition, and after serving as a judge  
43 on the Court of Appeals for eight years, Justice Chandler was



44 elected to the Mississippi Supreme Court, where he commenced his  
45 duties as a Supreme Court Justice on January 1, 2009; and

46 WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Court of Appeals and  
47 Supreme Court, Justice Chandler served on numerous committees,  
48 including Chairperson of the Court of Appeals Rules Committee and  
49 Co-Chairperson of the Professionalism Committee of The Mississippi  
50 Bar; and

51 WHEREAS, in addition to serving as an Adjunct Professor of  
52 Law at Mississippi College School of Law, Justice Chandler has  
53 helped educate lawyers across the state and nation by authoring  
54 numerous professional articles in the field of education as well  
55 as in the legal field, with his most recent article addressing  
56 recent developments aimed at improving professionalism among  
57 lawyers; and

58 WHEREAS, the father of two children, Justice Chandler resides  
59 in Ackerman with his supportive wife, Glenda, where they are  
60 members of First United Methodist Church; and

61 WHEREAS, although Justice Chandler is stepping down from the  
62 bench, he will continue to serve the people, and especially the  
63 children of Mississippi in his new role as Executive Director of  
64 the Division of Family and Children's Services in furtherance of  
65 the fulfillment of the oath of office taken in his first elected  
66 public capacity; and

67 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend such  
68 outstanding public servants as that of Justice Chandler, whose



69 equitable and impartial treatment of those who appeared before him  
70 will solidify his legacy in the history books of the State of  
71 Mississippi:

72         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
73 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
74 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Justice David Anthony Chandler  
75 upon his distinguished service as a Mississippi Supreme Court  
76 Justice and congratulate him upon his new appointment as Executive  
77 Director of the Division of Family and Children's Services, and  
78 extend sincere wishes for success in all of his future endeavors.

79         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
80 furnished to the Mississippi Supreme Court, Justice David Anthony  
81 Chandler and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

