

By: Representatives Currie, Campbell,
Bennett, Horne, Rogers (14th), Watson, Young

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER
2 AND MERITORIOUS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE OF DR. MAX K. ARINDER UPON
3 THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
4 JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND
5 EXPENDITURE REVIEW.

6 WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Joint Legislative
7 Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER)
8 and exceptional public servant, Dr. Max K. Arinder, retired on
9 June 30, 2015, after a remarkably distinguished career of
10 exemplary leadership and service to the State of Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, a true Mississippian, Dr. Arinder graduated from the
12 Jackson Public School System and continued his education at
13 Millsaps College and then the University of Southern Mississippi,
14 where he endured late nights, tedious lectures and excruciatingly
15 difficult tests to receive his Ph.D. in experimental psychology in
16 1973; and

17 WHEREAS, after almost ten years of imparting his cardinal
18 guidance to others in the practice of clinical psychology, Dr.
19 Arinder joined the forces of the PEER Committee in 1981 to play a



20 part in making state government more effective, efficient and
21 accountable, and his analytical mind and keen intellect
22 continuously catapulted his level of responsibility until he was
23 appointed as the Executive Director in 1996; and

24 WHEREAS, during Dr. Arinder's 19-year tenure as Executive
25 Director, the PEER Committee issued 258 reviews of state and local
26 government programs on several different topics, and the members
27 of the Legislature, who recognized the value of Dr. Arinder's
28 expertise and guidance, often invited him to participate on task
29 forces that were created to study areas of programmatic concern,
30 including mental health, transportation and implementing criminal
31 justice reforms; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Arinder also played a vital role in advising the
33 Legislature on revitalizing Mississippi's program of budgeting
34 efforts, which transitioned the budget process in Mississippi into
35 an evidence-based program to ensure that Mississippians receive
36 the maximum benefits that those programs are intended to produce,
37 and the Pew-MacArthur Foundation's Results First Initiative, which
38 brought a cost and benefit analysis of management to several state
39 government programs; and

40 WHEREAS, the PEER Committee received recognition 14 different
41 times by the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society of
42 the National Conference of State Legislatures as a result of Dr.
43 Arinder's remarkable leadership capabilities and the impressive
44 impact he helped PEER make in the field of program evaluation; and



45 WHEREAS, Dr. Arinder was actively involved with several
46 programs of the National Conference of State Legislatures at all
47 levels that brought his tremendous amount of information regarding
48 legislative oversight to the developing countries, and he served
49 as the organization's staff chairperson from 2003 until 2004; and

50 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures'
51 National Legislative Program Evaluation Society honored Dr.
52 Arinder with the 2015 Outstanding Achievement Award in recognition
53 of his extraordinary career of meritorious service to Mississippi
54 and the profession of program evaluation; and

55 WHEREAS, Dr. Arinder was an exceptional public servant to the
56 Magnolia State as the Executive Director of the Joint Legislative
57 Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, and
58 his knowledge, skill and strenuous laboriousness will be dearly
59 missed by all of his colleagues and others who were fortunate to
60 have the opportunity to work with him and experience his
61 greatness; and

62 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
63 and commend the steadfast devotion to the betterment of
64 Mississippi and honor the zealous vow of impeccable public service
65 that Dr. Max K. Arinder bestowed upon the citizens of Mississippi
66 as the Executive Director of the Joint Legislative Committee on
67 Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for 19 years:

68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
69 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING



70 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the distinguished career and
71 meritorious leadership and service of Dr. Max K. Arinder upon the
72 occasion of his retirement as the Executive Director of the Joint
73 Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure
74 Review and extend most sincere wishes for continued success and
75 joy in the lighter days ahead.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
77 furnished to Dr. Max K. Arinder and to the members of the Capitol
78 Press Corps.

