

By: Representative Jackson

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MR. SLEDGE TAYLOR UPON
2 RECEIPT OF THE 2015 COTTON GROWER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND COMMENDING
3 HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO AGRICULTURE IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, "when tillage begins, other arts follow; the farmers
5 therefore are the founders of human civilization"; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Sledge Taylor, from Como, Mississippi, and a
7 graduate of Mississippi State University, was honored January 6,
8 2016, with the 2015 National Cotton Grower Achievement Award, an
9 honor that recognizes one cotton grower for excellence, innovation
10 and leadership within the cotton growing profession; and

11 WHEREAS, a fifth generation farmer, Mr. Taylor's incomparable
12 career began at age 14 when he began learning the tools of the
13 trade from his father, who came from a family that has grown
14 cotton for over 100 years; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2015, Mr. Taylor planted around 1,800 acres of
16 cotton, but his contributions to the Mississippi Cotton industry
17 did not end with his harvests; and



18 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor has been a leader in agriculture for most
19 of his life and his commitment to agriculture is unequalled, he has
20 faithfully served as: Secretary/Treasurer of the National Cotton
21 Council, Chairman of the National Cotton Foundation, President of
22 the Mississippi Cattle Industry Board, President of the
23 Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, President of the National
24 Cotton Ginners Association and Vice President of the Delta
25 Council; and

26 WHEREAS, through his many years of service, Mr. Taylor
27 cultivated the skill and experience to lead his profession
28 forward, currently serving as: Chairman of the National Cotton
29 Council, member of the USDA's Agriculture Technical Committee for
30 Trade, Commissioner for the Panola County Soil and Water
31 Conservation District, Commissioner of the Panola-Tate Drainage
32 District, board member for Delta Wildlife and Chairman of the
33 Panola County Land Planning Commission, of which he was a founding
34 member; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor has also been recognized for his many
36 contributions to agriculture: he has been featured in numerous
37 trade publications and magazines, including *Cotton Farming*
38 *Magazine* and *Cotton Grower Magazine* and *Mississippi State College*
39 *of Agriculture and Life Sciences Magazine*, as a leader in
40 agriculture; he has also received the 2015 McCallie Alumni
41 Achievement Award, along with being recognized as Mississippi
42 Cattleman of the Year and Mississippi Farmer of the Year; and



43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to share in the
44 enthusiasm of citizens of this state such as Mr. Sledge as they
45 represent Mississippi through exceptional accomplishment and
46 leadership both locally and nationally:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
49 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Sledge
50 Taylor upon receiving the 2015 National Cotton Grower Achievement
51 Award, and extend best wishes for success in all of his future
52 endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
54 furnished to Mr. Sledge Taylor and to the members of the Capitol
55 Press Corps.

