

By: Representative Young

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE  
2 PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL  
3 DIRECTOR COLONEL DONNELL BERRY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, 36-year Department of Public Safety veteran Colonel  
5 Donnell Berry has announced his retirement as Director of the  
6 Mississippi Highway Patrol effective February 1, 2016, to be  
7 succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Chris Gillard; and

8 WHEREAS, Colonel Donnell Berry was born and raised in  
9 Bentonia, Mississippi, where he attended Bentonia High School,  
10 before advancing in collegiate matriculation to earn a bachelor of  
11 science degree in business administration in May of 1980 from  
12 Alcorn State University; and

13 WHEREAS, Colonel Berry's ambition was to become a Trooper for  
14 the Mississippi Highway Patrol and in September of 1980, Colonel  
15 Berry attended Mississippi Highway Patrol Cadet Class 21, where he  
16 graduated on December 12, 1980; and

17 WHEREAS, Colonel Berry, who received numerous meritorious  
18 promotions throughout his tenure with Mississippi Highway Patrol,



19 was promoted to Assistant Troop Commander in Troop C on December  
20 1, 1990, and on May 14, 1996, Berry was promoted to the rank of  
21 Lieutenant, District Executive Officer for Troop C, before  
22 receiving a January 2004 promotion to the rank of Lieutenant  
23 Colonel, Deputy Chief of Uniform Enforcement Division of the  
24 Mississippi Highway Patrol; and

25 WHEREAS, on February 18, 2011, Colonel Berry was appointed  
26 Chief of the Mississippi Highway Patrol and promoted to the rank  
27 of Colonel by Governor Haley Barbour, who remarked that "Berry's  
28 knowledge of law enforcement guidelines, combined with his  
29 on-the-street experience, will serve him well as the head of the  
30 state's highway patrol"; and

31 WHEREAS, while we can never repay our debt to law enforcement  
32 officers and their families, we can ensure that we appreciate  
33 their honorable and noble service by living our lives in a way  
34 that pays tribute to their incomparable service:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
36 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
37 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize and commend the professional  
38 law enforcement service of Mississippi Highway Patrol Director  
39 Colonel Donnell Berry on the occasion of his retirement, and  
40 extend best wishes to Colonel Donnell Berry and his family in all  
41 of their future endeavors.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
43 furnished to Colonel Donnell Berry, to the Commissioner of Public



44 Safety and Governor Phil Bryant and to the members of the Capitol  
45 Press Corps.

