

By: Representatives Karriem, Johnson (94th), Paden, Perkins, Clarke, Hines, Bain, Banks, Baria, Bell (65th), Burnett, Calhoun, Denton, Dortch, Ellis, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Holland, Holloway, Hudson, Mickens, Miles, Reynolds, Straughter, Sykes, Thomas, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Wooten To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FAMOUS BLUESMAN BOBBY  
2 RUSH UPON WINNING THE GRAMMY IN THE TRADITIONAL BLUES CATEGORY FOR  
3 HIS ALBUM "PORCUPINE MEAT" AT THE 59TH GRAMMY AWARDS.

4 WHEREAS, on Sunday, February 12, 2017, Bobby Rush was awarded  
5 the first golden gramophone of his career at the 59th Grammy  
6 Awards for his album "Porcupine Meat" in the traditional blues  
7 category; and

8 WHEREAS, the 83 year old musician's musical career began  
9 around 1951, several years before the first Grammy Awards ceremony  
10 was held; and

11 WHEREAS, after recording more than 370 songs during his  
12 66-year career, Rush beat out fellow Mississippians Luther  
13 Dickinson and Vasti Jackson to win the category; and

14 WHEREAS, having been nominated for a Grammy on three prior  
15 occasions, Rush's first win could not have come on a better night,  
16 the same night that other Mississippians, Charley Pride and Jimmie  
17 Rodgers were honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards; and



18 WHEREAS, "Porcupine Meat" was released on Rounder Records in  
19 September and features Vasti Jackson, Dave Alvin, Joe Bonamassa  
20 and Keb' Mo', among others; and

21 WHEREAS, in addition to winning this Grammy, Rush was also  
22 recognized for his illustrious career when he was inducted into  
23 the Blues Hall of Fame in 2016; and

24 WHEREAS, after getting his start in Chicago with his neighbor  
25 Muddy Waters, Jimmy Reed, Etta James and Howlin' Wolf, Rush moved  
26 to Jackson, Mississippi, in the early 80s, where he would produce  
27 numerous records that are still an integral part of his live  
28 repertoire; and

29 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
30 the outstanding talented musicians that call our state home, such  
31 as Bobby Rush, whose music and achievements brings great pride to  
32 the State of Mississippi:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
35 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Bobby Rush  
36 upon his very much deserved Grammy Award for "Porcupine Meat," and  
37 sincerely hope there is much more music to come from our beloved  
38 bluesman.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
40 furnished to Bobby Rush and to the members of the Capitol Press  
41 Corps.

