

By: Representative Miles

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER  
2 AND MERITORIOUS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE THAT MAYOR GREG BUTLER  
3 PROVIDED AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MORTON UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
4 RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, Greg Butler, the Mayor of the City of Morton,  
6 Mississippi, and community leader extraordinaire, is retiring on  
7 June 30, 2017, after selflessly dedicating 16 years of illustrious  
8 service and competent guidance to the wonderful people of the  
9 Morton community; and

10 WHEREAS, a 1975 graduate of the University of Southern  
11 Mississippi with a bachelor of science degree in political  
12 science, Mayor Butler earned a law degree from West Coast School  
13 of Law in 2008 and holds certifications in municipal government  
14 and economic development as well as training program certificates  
15 with the Mississippi Rural Water Association, the State Fire  
16 Academy, FEMA, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
17 and the Department of Homeland Security; and

18 WHEREAS, after working in various managerial positions for  
19 B.C. Rogers Poultry, which later became Koch Foods, for 25 years,



20 he assumed the role of Mayor of the City of Morton with years of  
21 invaluable experience under his belt, and he utilized that  
22 training and expertise to serve the role of mayor with efficiency  
23 and effectiveness for four successful terms; and

24 WHEREAS, Mayor Butler's four terms in office can be  
25 characterized as prosperous and award winning, as the area along  
26 Highway 13 South around Interstate 20 has experienced an economic  
27 boom complete with new businesses, a new distribution center and a  
28 new prepared foods plant that have brought 1,000 new jobs to  
29 Morton; business has grown in the downtown area along Highway 80,  
30 increasing the sales tax revenue to the city by approximately 30  
31 percent; and Morton has received numerous awards and accolades in  
32 the areas of economic development, beautification, health, public  
33 safety, recreation and public works; and

34 WHEREAS, the leadership of Mayor Butler was not just confined  
35 to the Morton community but extended on a statewide basis as well  
36 as with beneficial presence on the Mississippi Municipal League  
37 (MML) Executive Committee, MML Board of Directors and as Chairman  
38 of the MML Legislative Committee as well as the Mid-Mississippi  
39 Development District, Mississippi Municipal Service Company and  
40 Scott Regional Hospital; and

41 WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Mayor Butler has  
42 received glowing support from his wife, Rhonda, and their three  
43 wonderful children and five grandchildren, who are truly the apple  
44 of his eye; and



45           WHEREAS, after 16 years of mayoral service to the people of  
46 Morton, retirement will surely leave an insatiable void for  
47 governing and mingling with Mississippi's finest in the heart of  
48 Mayor Butler, but he is overjoyed to spend time with his family  
49 and friends, continue to serve on the boards for Scott Regional  
50 Hospital, Morton Healthy Hometown Committee and Keep Morton  
51 Beautiful Committee, volunteer for several church committees at  
52 Morton United Methodist Church, and reflect on the countless  
53 number of remarkable people that have touched his life throughout  
54 his 16-year career as the Mayor of the City of Morton; and

55           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
56 and commend the tireless devotion to the betterment of Mississippi  
57 and honor the ardent vow to impeccable public service that Mr.  
58 Greg Butler bestowed to the citizens of Mississippi as Mayor of  
59 the City of Morton:

60           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
62 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the distinguished career and  
63 meritorious leadership and service that Mayor Greg Butler provided  
64 as Mayor of the City of Morton upon the occasion of his  
65 retirement, and extend sincere wishes for continued success and  
66 joy in the lighter days ahead.

67           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
68 furnished to Mayor Greg Butler and to the members of the Capitol  
69 Press Corps.

