

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ESTEEMED AND LAUDABLE
2 LEGISLATIVE CAREER AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE MOST HONORABLE AND
3 DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN FROM OKTIBBEHA, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE
4 TYRONE ELLIS.

5 WHEREAS, the honorable and distinguished Gentleman from
6 Oktibbeha, Tyrone Ellis retired from the Mississippi House of
7 Representatives on Friday, June 30, 2017, after tirelessly working
8 on behalf of the people of Mississippi and House District 38,
9 which includes portions of Clay, Lowndes and Oktibbeha Counties,
10 for 38 consecutive years from the historical floor of the
11 majestically ethereal and hallowed House Chamber; and

12 WHEREAS, before assuming his seat as the member of the
13 Mississippi House of Representatives from District 38,
14 Representative Ellis studied at Illinois Institute of Technology
15 in Chicago, Illinois, East Mississippi Community College,
16 Ministerial Institute and College, and New Orleans Theological
17 Seminary; and

18 WHEREAS, the Honorable Representative Tyrone Ellis was
19 diligently serving the citizens of his community well before his



20 election to the Mississippi House of Representatives as a
21 consultant and businessman, as a real estate developer, and most
22 importantly, as the Pastor of Running Water Baptist Church in
23 Noxubee County, Mississippi; and

24 WHEREAS, upon his election in 1980, Tyrone Ellis became the
25 distinguished Gentleman from Oktibbeha and wasted no time
26 requesting the legislation, amendments and reports that would help
27 effectuate into law the ideologies and policy changes that his
28 constituents had elected him to further, and because of his
29 passion and genuine desire to better this great Magnolia State, he
30 became the first member to serve as Majority Leader of the
31 Mississippi House of Representatives; and

32 WHEREAS, Representative Ellis' love and deeply felt respect
33 for the Legislature as a hallowed institution has led his fight to
34 preserve and nurture its integrity, becoming a guardian of this
35 sacred institution during a time in Mississippi's history when the
36 diversity of the House membership expanded to include meaningful
37 participation by women, African Americans, Republicans and
38 Democrats alike, who equally hold a lion's share in the stake of
39 advancing the direction of the state's economic, educational and
40 political climate; and

41 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a legislator from 1980 until
42 2017, Representative Ellis served on the following committees:
43 Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency, Apportionment and



44 Elections, Corrections, Judiciary B, Judiciary En Banc, and as a
45 ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee; and

46 WHEREAS, not one to limit his community involvement to the
47 Legislature, Representative Ellis has always been active in his
48 district and dedicated to improving the quality of life for all
49 citizens, as evidenced by his service with the Starkville Habitat
50 for Humanities, the Starkville-Oktibbeha County Boys and Girls
51 Club, and the Oktibbeha County School Board; and

52 WHEREAS, while Representative Ellis has been favored with
53 many opportunities both far and near, those that really know his
54 heart know that his first love is preaching the Gospel of Christ
55 whenever and wherever the chance arises, and he has travelled both
56 nationally and internationally to preach and teach God's Word and
57 serve as a practitioner/trainer and consultant in countries as far
58 away as Russia and Nigeria; and

59 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives will
60 cherish the bond and common goals for the betterment of this great
61 state shared with the Honorable Representative Tyrone Ellis, and
62 that his impeccable service was unparalleled to the Mississippi
63 Legislature, his wife, Arella Rena, children, Stephen and
64 Stephanie, six grandchildren, and to the constituents of District
65 38; and

66 WHEREAS, Representative Ellis has led and continues to lead a
67 life of bravery in the face of challenge, sincerity in the face of
68 apathy and honesty in the presence of deceit, and through it all,



69 this remarkable person has remained a phenomenal gentleman,
70 grounded in his integrity, who seeks to improve the lives of
71 others through positive example, hard work and the undeniable
72 truths of the Word of God; and

73 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to honor the
74 indelible legacy of remarkable service of our former colleague and
75 friend, Representative Tyrone Ellis, who represented his district,
76 this body and the people of this state with honor and dignity:

77 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
78 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
79 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the esteemed and laudable
80 legislative career and public service of the most honorable and
81 distinguished Gentleman from Oktibbeha, Representative Tyrone
82 Ellis, and express fondest respect and best wishes for continued
83 success in all of his future endeavors.

84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
85 furnished to former Representative Tyrone Ellis and to the members
86 of the Capitol Press Corps.

