

By: Representative Turner

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 WHEELER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UPON THE MOMENTOUS OCCASION OF
3 ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

4 WHEREAS, 50 years ago, in July 1967, the Wheeler Volunteer
5 Fire Department was organized, becoming the first all-volunteer
6 fire department in Prentiss County, Mississippi, and since that
7 time, the department has provided an illustrious, selfless service
8 and unparalleled devotion to the grateful citizens of Prentiss
9 County; and

10 WHEREAS, the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department answers a
11 multitude of emergency calls, from fire to medical, and the
12 firefighters of the department, outfitted in their fire retardant
13 suits and giant fire engine, promptly answers each one with
14 unparalleled tenacity and skillful prowess using their many
15 resources including, RNs, EMTs, certified firemen with smoke diver
16 certification and the jaws of life; and

17 WHEREAS, throughout its 50-year history, several immeasurably
18 audacious and chivalrous fire chiefs have led the Wheeler



19 Volunteer Fire Department, including Pete Woodruff from 1967 until
20 1970, George Cook from 1970 until 1972, Gerald Hodges from 1972
21 until 1974, Charles Duncan from 1974 until 1999, Randy Moore from
22 1999 until 2005, and Kerry Moore from 2005 until 2013; and

23 WHEREAS, under the helm of Fire Chief Jamie Thomas since 2013
24 and all those who came before him, the firefighters, past, present
25 and future, of the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department face
26 dangerous, deadly situations that demand they put their lives on
27 the line, but every time the bell rings, they fearlessly and
28 bravely rush into scorching buildings with broiling temperatures
29 and courageously fight the most torrid infernos as embers singe
30 their coats to ensure safety for the citizens of Prentiss County,
31 Mississippi, who will be forever thankful for their intrepid,
32 noble efforts; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
34 and commend fine institutions in Mississippi, especially those
35 such as the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department, an organization
36 comprised of heroic firefighters whose outstanding leadership,
37 dauntless fortitude and unwavering duty to protect and serve the
38 citizens of Prentiss County are truly appreciated:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
41 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Wheeler
42 Volunteer Fire Department upon the occasion of its 50th



43 anniversary and extend most sincere wishes for continued success
44 and safety in all of its future endeavors.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
46 furnished to the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department and to the
47 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

