

By: Representatives White, Johnson (94th)

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMEMORATING THE  
2 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT.

3 WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act protects people from  
4 discrimination when they are renting, buying or securing financing  
5 for housing by providing that a person may not be discriminated  
6 against because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex,  
7 disability or the presence of children; and

8 WHEREAS, Congress passed the Fair Housing Act and it was  
9 signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on April 11, 1968,  
10 and its enactment occurred at an important cultural turning point  
11 in America after decades of civil unrest, racial zoning and court  
12 sanctioned deed discrimination based on race, national origin and  
13 religion, and the Fair Housing Act was an important step in  
14 prohibiting such discrimination; and

15 WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act states, "It is the policy of  
16 the United States to provide, within constitutional limitations,  
17 for fair housing throughout the United States."; and



18 WHEREAS, in 1975, the National Association of Realtors  
19 adopted an agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
20 Development to promote fair housing, educate members regarding  
21 their rights and obligations under the Act, develop and recommend  
22 fair housing procedures for members, and participate in community  
23 based fair housing activities; and

24 WHEREAS, fair and affordable housing is vital to the success  
25 of our growing state, and it is the responsibility of government  
26 agencies, the Legislature and industry leaders to promote, educate  
27 and participate in fair housing practices; and

28 WHEREAS, as an industry leader, the Mississippi Association  
29 of Realtors is committed to combating housing discrimination and  
30 has pledged to give equal professional services to any person  
31 regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial  
32 status, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity;  
33 and

34 WHEREAS, the health, education and economic opportunities of  
35 Mississippi families are directly impacted by where they live, and  
36 discriminatory housing practices create racial, social and  
37 economic divides in our communities that inhibit the growth of our  
38 citizens, but diversity creates stronger communities and provides  
39 Mississippians the best opportunity to achieve the American dream,  
40 and fair housing plays an integral role in fostering such  
41 communities:



42           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
44 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize and commemorate the 50th  
45 anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, and support and encourage  
46 fair housing policies throughout the state and recognize the  
47 Mississippi Association of Realtors as a partner in combating  
48 housing discrimination.

49           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
50 furnished to the Mississippi Association of Realtors and to the  
51 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

