

By: Representative Bell (65th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER AND
2 MERITORIOUS LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OF MR. JOE TROTTER
3 DOCKINS AND EXTENDING TO HIM MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR CONTINUED
4 SUCCESS IN ALL OF HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Trotter Dockins has devoted his life to
6 serving and improving the State of Mississippi through his
7 professional contributions as well as his incredibly extravagant
8 community service and philanthropy; and

9 WHEREAS, born in Starkville, Mississippi, on July 5, 1930, to
10 the late Mr. and Mrs. Mathew and Mary Frances Dockins, Joe learned
11 the value of a dollar as well as a strong work ethic at a very
12 early age, as he began working in his parents' grocery store,
13 which was in business for 37 years, at just five years old; and

14 WHEREAS, Joe also accepted Christ at an early age at Griffin
15 United Methodist Church in Starkville, and he joined Central
16 United Methodist Church in 1966, serving as President of Central
17 United Methodist Men from 1977 until 1993, Finance Committee
18 Chairperson from 1985 until 1987, past Vice President of the Usher
19 Board, as a member of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, and



20 as a former Lay Leader, and to this day, he continues to be a
21 member of the Finance Committee and the Usher Board; and

22 WHEREAS, after he finished high school at Oktibbeha County
23 Training School, now Henderson Junior High School, Joe graduated
24 from Alcorn College, now Alcorn State University, with a bachelor
25 of science degree in economics in May 1953; and

26 WHEREAS, while Joe was at Alcorn College, he became a member
27 of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., on December 16, 1950, and after
28 graduation, he became active with the Beta Alpha Chapter in
29 Jackson, Mississippi, where he served as Basileus from 1977 to
30 1979, received a plaque in 1976 for being the "Man of the Year"
31 for assisting in securing a fraternity house, earned his 40th,
32 50th and 60th year membership pins, and in 2016, he received a
33 Certificate of Life Membership and was inducted into the
34 Mississippi Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Hall of Fame; and

35 WHEREAS, unable to be intellectually satiated, Joe furthered
36 his education at Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View,
37 Texas, in 1953, and at the University of Wisconsin in Madison,
38 Wisconsin, in 1964, where he focused on the field of human
39 development and interpersonal relationship; and

40 WHEREAS, Joe's love and affection pierced the heart of the
41 late Mrs. Odelle D. Dockins, and the two lovebirds exchanged the
42 vows of holy matrimony, completing their family unit with the
43 addition of two children, Metric and JoAndrea, and lived in
44 marital bliss for 54 years until the passing of Mrs. Dockins; and



45 WHEREAS, in 1954, Joe began working as an associate county
46 agent for the Mississippi Agriculture Extension Services in
47 Louisville, Mississippi, and in 1965, he became an assistant
48 county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration and was
49 promoted to county supervisor in 1981; and

50 WHEREAS, after 33 years of dedicated service, Joe decided to
51 retire in 1987, but the workforce kept calling his name, so he
52 began his second career with the Mississippi Action for Progress
53 as Director of Personnel in 1989, and in 2006 he punched his
54 retirement card again, but this time, it stuck and he retired as
55 the Safety Coordinator of Mississippi Action for Progress; and

56 WHEREAS, throughout his life, Joe has served as District
57 Marshal for the 7th District Meeting held in Jackson in 1984, as a
58 member of the Mississippi House of Representatives from 1989 until
59 1993, in his younger days, as a Boy Scout, and as a member of
60 several other elite civic and social clubs and organizations; and

61 WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Trotter Dockins is a man of incredible
62 stature and character, and his professional and community
63 contributions have served as a true inspiration to all those who
64 know and love him and has tremendously advanced the wonderful
65 State of Mississippi; and

66 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
67 recognize and commend the magnificent contributions and
68 unparalleled community service that exceptional Mississippians



69 such as Mr. Joe Trotter Dockins provide to the citizens of this
70 great Magnolia State:

71 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
72 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
73 commend the distinguished career and meritorious leadership and
74 community service of Mr. Joe Trotter Dockins and extend to him
75 most sincere wishes for continued success in all of his future
76 endeavors.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
78 furnished to Mr. Joe Trotter Dockins and to the members of the
79 Capitol Press Corps.

