

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 49

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. MICHAEL E.
2 HARRIS UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 40 YEARS WITH THE MISSISSIPPI
3 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SEVEN YEARS AS THE FACILITY
4 DIRECTOR OF HUDSPETH REGIONAL CENTER.

5 WHEREAS, in February 1978, Michael E. Harris began teaching
6 at the North Mississippi Regional Center (NMRC), and now, 40 years
7 later, he retires as an exemplary public servant who has dedicated
8 his career to bettering the State of Mississippi through his
9 service to the Mississippi Department of Mental Health; and

10 WHEREAS, after receiving his bachelor of arts degree in
11 sociology from the University of Mississippi in 1978, he earned
12 his master of education degree from the University of Mississippi
13 in August 1985 and became a licensed school administrator in
14 August 1987; and

15 WHEREAS, while he was a special education teacher at NMRC,
16 Mr. Harris worked as a direct care worker on the cottages at night
17 and taught during the day, and he worked the B and C shift for
18 almost five months before he was promoted to Director of the Adult



19 Education Workshop at NMRC, a position he held until July 1987;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, in July 1987, Mr. Harris transferred to the Hudspeth
22 Regional Center in Whitfield, Mississippi, to become the Director
23 of Education Services, and in April 1998, he was appointed
24 Assistant Director of Hudspeth Regional Center; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was the Assistant Director of Hudspeth
26 Regional Center for 13 years, and in July 2011, he was appointed
27 as Facility Director of Hudspeth Regional Center, a role he
28 fulfilled with efficiency and effectiveness by utilizing the
29 training and expertise garnered through his years with the
30 Mississippi Department of Mental Health; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris has been an exceptional public servant to
32 the Magnolia State as the Facility Director of Hudspeth Regional
33 Center in Whitfield, Mississippi, and his knowledge, skill and
34 strenuous laboriousness will be dearly missed by all of his
35 colleagues and others who were fortunate to have the opportunity
36 to work with him and experience his greatness; and

37 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
38 recognize and commend the steadfast devotion to the betterment of
39 Mississippi and honor the zealous vow to impeccable public service
40 that Mr. Michael E. Harris bestowed upon the citizens of
41 Mississippi during his 40-year career with the Mississippi
42 Department of Mental Health and while serving as the Facility
43 Director of Hudspeth Regional Center:



44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
46 commend and congratulate Mr. Michael E. Harris upon his retirement
47 after 40 years with the Mississippi Department of Mental Health
48 and seven years as the Facility Director of Hudspeth Regional
49 Center, and extend sincere wishes for rest and relaxation in his
50 lighter days ahead.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
52 furnished to Mr. Michael E. Harris and to the members of the
53 Capitol Press Corps.

