

By: Representatives Weathersby, Hughes

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ESTEEMED AND LAUDABLE  
2 LEGISLATIVE CAREER AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE MOST HONORABLE AND  
3 DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN FROM PANOLA, REPRESENTATIVE NOLAN  
4 METTETAL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI  
5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

6 WHEREAS, the honorable and distinguished Gentleman from  
7 Panola, Representative Nolan Mettetal has announced his plans for  
8 retirement from the Mississippi House of Representatives at the  
9 conclusion of the 2019 Regular Session of the Mississippi  
10 Legislature, after tirelessly working on behalf of the citizens of  
11 Mississippi, Senate District 10, which encompasses portions of  
12 Panola and Tate Counties, and House District 10, which encompasses  
13 portions of Lafayette, Panola and Tallahatchie Counties, marking a  
14 triumphant end to 24 years of legislative service in the hallowed  
15 halls of the Mississippi State Capitol; and

16 WHEREAS, before assuming his seat as the member of the  
17 Mississippi House of Representatives from District 10 in 2012,  
18 Representative Mettetal, a graduate of South Panola High School,  
19 Northwest Community College and the University of Mississippi



20 School of Pharmacy, served in the Mississippi Senate for 16 years  
21 from 1996 to 2011, where he served two terms as Chairman of the  
22 Business and Financial Institutions Committee and one term as  
23 Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee under the leadership of  
24 Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck and then Lieutenant Governor Phil  
25 Bryant; and

26 WHEREAS, upon his election to the Mississippi Senate in 1995,  
27 Nolan Mettetal became the distinguished Gentleman from Panola upon  
28 being sworn into office on the first day of his first legislative  
29 session in January 1996, and wasted no time requesting the  
30 legislation, amendments and reports that would help effectuate  
31 into law the ideologies and policy changes that his constituents  
32 had elected him to further; and

33 WHEREAS, Representative Mettetal's love and deeply felt  
34 respect for the Legislature as a hallowed institution is innately  
35 apparent in his welcoming and authentically pleasant and cordial  
36 disposition, which have served as beacons of hope in pursuits to  
37 preserve and nurture the integrity of the body for all legislators  
38 who equally hold a lion's share in the stake of advancing the  
39 direction of the state's economic, educational and political  
40 climate; and

41 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a legislator, Representative  
42 Mettetal has served on the following committees: Senate  
43 Committees on Appropriations, Business and Financial Institutions  
44 as Chairman, Economic Development, Education, Finance, Highways



45 and Transportation, Insurance, Interstate and Federal Cooperation,  
46 Juvenile Justice, Oil, Gas and Other Minerals, Public Health and  
47 Welfare, Public Property, Public Utilities as Chairman, Rules,  
48 Tourism and Parks as Vice Chairman, and Universities and Colleges;  
49 House Committees on Appropriations, Banking and Financial  
50 Services, Corrections, Medicaid, Public Property, Public  
51 Utilities, Universities and Colleges as Chairman, and Workforce  
52 Development; and

53 WHEREAS, not one to limit his community involvement to the  
54 Legislature, Representative Mettetal, a pharmacist by profession,  
55 has always been active in his district and dedicated to improving  
56 the quality of life for all citizens, as evidenced by his service  
57 and affiliation as a member of the Mississippi Pharmacist  
58 Association, the Panola Partnership, the Sardis Chamber of  
59 Commerce, the National Rifle Association and the Alumni  
60 Associations of Northwest Community College and the University of  
61 Mississippi; and

62 WHEREAS, while Representative Mettetal has been favored with  
63 many opportunities both far and near, those that really know his  
64 heart know that his first love is his darling wife, Mrs. Kay  
65 Mettetal, whose warm disposition, beautiful smile, impeccable  
66 style and dress and dainty presence, compliments his stature so  
67 well, and has become a chief mainstay throughout the Capitol, as  
68 most would bestow upon her the title of honorary legislator and  
69 refer to her as the Gentle Lady from Panola; and



70 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives will  
71 cherish the bond and common goals for the betterment of this great  
72 state shared with the Honorable Representative Nolan Mettetal over  
73 the course of the past eight years, and that his impeccable  
74 service was unparalleled to the Mississippi Legislature and to the  
75 constituents of District 10; and

76 WHEREAS, Representative Mettetal has led and continues to  
77 lead a life of bravery in the face of challenge, sincerity in the  
78 face of apathy and honesty in the presence of deceit, and through  
79 it all, this remarkable person has remained a phenomenal  
80 gentleman, grounded in his integrity, who seeks to improve the  
81 lives of others through positive example, hard work and the  
82 undeniable truths of the Word of God, as evidenced through his  
83 faith walk at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church; and

84 WHEREAS, the service of Representative Mettetal would be  
85 without honor but for the continued support, encouragement and  
86 love of his family, who have endured the daunting struggles that  
87 accompany the life of an elected official, and much credit is also  
88 due to his loved ones who have sacrificed countless hours without  
89 him in order to allow him to fulfill his legislative obligations,  
90 including: his wife, Kay Ford Mettetal; children, Dr. Cary Nolan  
91 Mettetal (Carla), a practicing physician in Sardis, and Kim  
92 Mettetal Reed (Randall), a Senatobia nurse practitioner;  
93 grandchildren, Gracie Kay Mettetal, Jules Mettetal, Nolan Paul  
94 Reed, Adelaide Reed and Sadie Kay Reed; and



95           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to honor the  
96 indelible legacy of remarkable service of our colleague and  
97 friend, Representative Nolan Mettetal, who represented his  
98 district, this body and the people of this state with honor and  
99 intrepid dignity:

100           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
101 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
102 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the esteemed and laudable  
103 legislative career and public service of the most honorable,  
104 distinguished Gentleman from Panola, Representative Nolan  
105 Mettetal, and express fondest respect and best wishes for  
106 continued success in all of his future endeavors.

107           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
108 furnished to Representative Nolan Mettetal and to the members of  
109 the Capitol Press Corps.

