

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100

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

6 WHEREAS, the honorable Gentleman from Hancock, Representative
7 David Baria has announced his plans for retirement from the
8 Mississippi House of Representatives at the conclusion of the 2019
9 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature, after tirelessly
10 working on behalf of the citizens of House District 122; and

11 WHEREAS, before assuming his seat as the member of the
12 Mississippi House of Representatives from District 122 in 2011,
13 Representative Baria, a graduate of the University of Southern
14 Mississippi, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in
15 criminal justice before going on to earn his law degree from the
16 University of Mississippi Law School, where he attended a summer
17 program at Cambridge University; and

18 WHEREAS, upon his election to the Mississippi Senate in 2007,
19 as an ambassador for the citizens of Senate District 46, David



20 Baria became the distinguished Gentleman from Hancock upon being
21 sworn into office, and wasted no time requesting legislation,
22 amendments and reports that would help effectuate policy changes
23 that would benefit his constituents; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Baria's respect for the Legislature
25 as a hallowed institution is constantly evidenced by his passion
26 to advance the direction of the state's economic, educational and
27 political climate; and

28 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a legislator, Senator Baria
29 transitioned from the Senate to the House of Representatives in
30 2011, and upon his installation, the newly elected Representative
31 Baria was selected as a House Floor Leader in 2012, became a
32 founding Board Member of the Mississippi Democratic Trust in 2016,
33 was elected by his fellow House Democrats to a four-year term as a
34 House Minority Leader in 2016, and was named as an inaugural
35 member of Mississippi's Top 50 Most Influential People; and

36 WHEREAS, not one to limit his community involvement to the
37 Legislature, Representative Baria, has always been active in his
38 district and dedicated to improving the quality of life for all
39 citizens, as evidenced by his service and affiliation as a member
40 of the American Lung Association, the Coalition for Citizens with
41 Disabilities, the American Federation of Teachers and the
42 Mississippi Association for Justice, and he is a board member of
43 United Policyholders, a nonprofit voice for insurance consumers in



44 all 50 states and was recently awarded the Lifetime Achievement
45 award from the Mississippi Association for Justice; and

46 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives will
47 cherish the bond and common goals for the betterment of this great
48 state shared with the Honorable Representative David Baria over
49 the course of the past eight years and to the esteemed and revered
50 institution of the Mississippi Legislature the last 12 years, and
51 that his impeccable service was unparalleled to the Mississippi
52 Legislature and to the constituents of District 122; and

53 WHEREAS, the laudable service of Representative Baria would
54 be without gratification but for the continued support and love of
55 his wife, Marcie Fyke Baria, and their three children, Merritt,
56 Bess and Max, who have sacrificed countless hours without him to
57 fulfill his legislative obligations; and

58 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to honor the
59 impressive legacy of remarkable service of our colleague and
60 friend, Representative David Baria, who represented his district,
61 this body and the people of this state with honor and dignity:

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
63 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
64 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the esteemed legislative career
65 and public service of the honorable Gentleman from Hancock,
66 Representative David Baria, and express best wishes for continued
67 success in all of his future endeavors.



68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
69 furnished to Representative David Baria and to the members of the
70 Capitol Press Corps.

