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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 51

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MR. JOSEPH LANE STEELE
 2 FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER, MERITORIOUS LEADERSHIP AND
 3 OUTSTANDING SERVICE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS 35TH YEAR AS A
 4 FIREFIGHTER WITH THE MAGEE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

5 WHEREAS, being a firefighter is one of the most heroic
 6 occupations a person can pursue, and Mr. Joseph Lane Steele has
 7 spent the last 35 years of his life providing incomparable and
 8 zealous service, leadership and dedication to the State of
 9 Mississippi as a member of the Magee Fire Department; and

10 WHEREAS, on March 13, 1984, Mr. Steele began his career in
 11 fire and emergency response as a firefighter with the Magee Fire
 12 Department, and since that time, he has only missed four fire
 13 meetings, which means he has attended 836 of the 840 fire
 14 meetings, a nearly perfect record; and

15 WHEREAS, after displaying extraordinary dedication to
 16 promoting and upholding the principles of public safety, Mr.
 17 Steele was first promoted to Fire Chief in 2002, and after
 18 garnering much respect and admiration from his colleagues and



19 superiors, he was promoted once again to Simpson County
20 Firefighters Association President in August 2008; and

21 WHEREAS, in recognition of his exceptional character and
22 phenomenal leadership, Mr. Steele received the Fireman of the Year
23 for the State of Mississippi award in 1998, and he received the
24 Firefighter of the Year for the Magee Fire Department in 1991 and
25 1998, and throughout his illustrious tenure he has worked
26 fervently to provide his utmost in fire and emergency response
27 services; and

28 WHEREAS, equipped with a wealth of leadership expertise and
29 vast fire and emergency response experience, Mr. Steele, whose
30 passion for public service is innately embedded in his DNA, was
31 awarded the Magee Fire Department Golden Heart Award in 2016,
32 which is presented to someone who goes above and beyond the call
33 of duty to help one of his fellow firefighters out in a time of
34 need; and

35 WHEREAS, in addition to his role as firefighter
36 extraordinaire, Mr. Steele has served as Alderman in Ward 3 for
37 the past 21 years and has not missed a single meeting of the 504
38 meetings held during his tenure, and for his dedication and
39 service, he was awarded the Magee Citizen of the Year in
40 2004-2005; and

41 WHEREAS, throughout his 35 year career in fire and emergency
42 response, Mr. Steele has faced dangerous situations each day that
43 demanded he put his life on the line, and each time the call came,



44 he fearlessly and bravely rushed into perilous predicaments and
45 responded to a variety of emergency events and catastrophes; and

46 WHEREAS, with incredible courage and superb perseverance, Mr.
47 Steele has been an exceptional firefighter and leader throughout
48 his stellar career, and his indomitable grit, dexterous abilities
49 and passionate determination are truly appreciated by all of his
50 colleagues and others who have the opportunity to work with him
51 and experience his greatness; and

52 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
53 pay tribute to great, heroic Mississippians such as Mr. Joseph
54 Lane Steele, whose unparalleled leadership, dauntless fortitude
55 and unwavering duty to save the lives of the people of this great
56 state bring honor and glory to his friends, family and the City of
57 Magee:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
59 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
60 recognize and honor Mr. Joseph Lane Steele for his distinguished
61 career, meritorious leadership and outstanding service upon the
62 occasion of his 35th year as a firefighter with the Magee Fire
63 Department, and extend sincere wishes for continued success in all
64 of his future endeavors.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
66 furnished to Mr. Joseph Lane Steele and to the members of the
67 Capitol Press Corps.

