

By: Representatives Sykes, Gibbs (72nd)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 119

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF DEDICATION AND
2 SERVICE OF FRANK BLUNTSON.

3 WHEREAS, Frank Bluntson was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi,
4 on July 30, 1935, and graduated from Higgins High School in
5 Clarksdale where his leadership qualities were evident at an early
6 age as a high school student when he was selected President of the
7 Student Government Association during his senior year; and

8 WHEREAS, Frank Bluntson began his higher education by
9 attending Coahoma Junior College where he finished in 1958, and
10 then continued and finished his undergraduate college education at
11 Mississippi Industrial College in Holly Springs, Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Bluntson later obtained a master's degree in
13 guidance and counseling from Jackson State University, and his
14 advanced education also includes a workshop at Mississippi State
15 University concerning his work with children in trouble; a course
16 in behavior modification conducted at the IHL Research and
17 Development Center in 1971; and courses in criminology, abnormal
18 psychology, drugs and narcotics; and



19 WHEREAS, Mr. Bluntson moved to Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962,
20 where he joined Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church that same
21 year and has remained a longtime dedicated member of the church;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, during his professional career, Mr. Bluntson's work
24 experience includes many different positions such as working as a
25 teacher for three years at Hull Junior High School and six years
26 with the Jackson Public School District as a fifth grade teacher
27 at Mary C. Jones School; working for the City of Jackson as a
28 youth counselor with the Youth Court; and as an employee with the
29 Mississippi Department of Youth Services; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Bluntson was the Chairman of the Board of
31 Directors of Central Mississippi Health Services, Inc., for 14
32 years where under his outstanding leadership the organization
33 attained the status of a Federally Qualified Health Center,
34 providing health care to the indigent and uninsured population of
35 those requiring health care; and

36 WHEREAS, in 1975, Frank started one of the longest running
37 radio programs in Jackson, WKXI's "Straight Talk," and through the
38 years he has used "Straight Talk" as a vehicle to help those in
39 need, from its earliest days when helping Emma Marshall through
40 raising funds to avoid foreclosure on her home to making the
41 holidays enjoyable for senior citizens through providing Christmas
42 food baskets during the Annual Craig Bluntson Senior Citizen Food
43 Drive; and



44 WHEREAS, being dedicated to serving the citizens of Jackson,
45 Mr. Bluntson served on the Jackson City Council for two terms from
46 2005 through 2012, and some of his other past affiliations and
47 positions include serving as a member of the Juvenile Correctional
48 Association of Mississippi, serving as an associate member of the
49 National Council of Youth Court Judges; serving on the Board of
50 Directors of the Youth Crisis Center; and being a member of the
51 YMCA and promoting the Big Brothers program; and

52 WHEREAS, among the many honors and recognitions bestowed upon
53 Mr. Bluntson during his life and career, he received one of his
54 most cherished awards on July 11, 2017, the Lifetime Achievement
55 Award by the Jackson Police Department for his work in the
56 community; and

57 WHEREAS, being a sports fan, Mr. Bluntson was a sports
58 official for over 40 years with the Mississippi High School
59 Activities Association and officiated football at the collegiate
60 level for over 30 years with the Southwestern Athletic Conference;
61 and

62 WHEREAS, Frank Blunston was married to the love of his life,
63 the late Juanita Stubbs Bluntson for 54 years before her death,
64 and he is the father of Frank Strong, Marilyn Lilly, Letha Stubbs
65 Gilmore, Eric "Chucky" Bluntson and the late Attorney Craig
66 Bluntson, the grandfather of Cherise Brown, Kayla Ellerson and
67 Connor Bluntson, and the great-grandfather of Christien
68 Lilly-Alexander, Steven Ellerson III and Malia Brown; and



69 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
70 acknowledge and commend a remarkable person such as Frank
71 Bluntson, whose life and career of dedication and service to
72 others have contributed greatly to his community and the State of
73 Mississippi:

74 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
75 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
76 commend the life and career of dedication and service of Frank
77 Bluntson and express fondest respect and best wishes for continued
78 success in all of his future endeavors.

79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
80 furnished to Mr. Frank Bluntson and to the members of the Capitol
81 Press Corps.

