

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 136

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ESTEEMED AND LAUDABLE LEGISLATIVE  
2 CAREER AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE MOST HONORABLE, DISTINGUISHED  
3 LADY FROM UNION, REPRESENTATIVE MARGARET ELLIS ROGERS.

4 WHEREAS, the honorable and distinguished Lady from Union,  
5 Representative Margaret Ellis Rogers has announced her plans for  
6 retirement from the Mississippi House of Representatives at the  
7 conclusion of the 2019 Regular Session of the Mississippi  
8 Legislature, after tirelessly working on behalf of the citizens of  
9 Mississippi and House District 14, which encompasses Union County,  
10 marking a triumphant end to 15 years of legislative service in the  
11 hallowed halls of the Mississippi State Capitol; and

12 WHEREAS, before assuming her seat as the member of the  
13 Mississippi House of Representatives from District 14 in 2004,  
14 Representative Rogers, a graduate of New Albany High School,  
15 graduated from the University of Mississippi with her B.B.A. and  
16 began her career in public service as an auditor for the  
17 Mississippi Department of Audit; and



18           WHEREAS, upon her election to the Mississippi House, Margaret  
19 Ellis Rogers became the distinguished Lady from Union upon being  
20 sworn into office on the first day of her first legislative  
21 session in January 2004, and wasted no time requesting the  
22 legislation, amendments and reports that would help effectuate  
23 into law the ideologies and policy changes that her constituents  
24 had elected her to further; and

25           WHEREAS, during her tenure as a legislator, Representative  
26 Rogers has served on the following committees: State Library as  
27 Chairperson, Oil and Gas and Other Minerals as Vice Chairperson,  
28 Energy as Vice Chairperson, Insurance, Judiciary A, Juvenile  
29 Justice, Local and Private Legislation, Universities and Colleges,  
30 Medicaid, Banking and Financial Services, Ethics, Management,  
31 Transportation, Appropriations, Ways and Means, Enrolled Bills,  
32 Fees and Salaries of Public Offices, Investigate State Offices,  
33 Municipalities, PEER, Workforce Development, Youth and Family  
34 Affairs, Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency and Public  
35 Utilities; and

36           WHEREAS, not one to limit her community involvement to the  
37 Legislature, Representative Rogers has always been active in her  
38 district and dedicated to improving the quality of life for all  
39 citizens, as evidenced by her service and affiliation as a member  
40 of the American Legion Auxiliary, Phi Kappa Phi, the New Albany  
41 Main Street Association, the Union County Development Association,  
42 the University of Mississippi Alumni Association, the University



43 of Mississippi Loyalty Foundation, the National Rifle Association  
44 and the Methodist Church Administrative Board; and

45 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives will  
46 cherish the bond and common goals for the betterment of this great  
47 state shared with the Honorable Representative Margaret Rogers  
48 over the course of the past 15 years, and that her impeccable  
49 service was unparalleled to the Mississippi Legislature and to the  
50 constituents of District 14; and

51 WHEREAS, Representative Rogers has led and continues to lead  
52 a life of bravery in the face of challenge, sincerity in the face  
53 of apathy and honesty in the presence of deceit, and through it  
54 all, this remarkable person has remained a phenomenal woman,  
55 grounded in her integrity, who seeks to improve the lives of  
56 others through hard work and the undeniable truths of the Word of  
57 God, as evidenced through her faith walk at First United Methodist  
58 Church; and

59 WHEREAS, throughout her tenure in public office,  
60 Representative Rogers has been showered with continued support,  
61 encouragement and love from her family, who has endured the  
62 daunting struggles that accompany the life of an elected official,  
63 and much credit is due to her loved ones who have sacrificed  
64 countless hours without her in order to allow her to fulfill her  
65 legislative obligations, including: her sons, Bradley Ellis  
66 Rogers and Robbins Ellis Rogers, and four grandchildren, Avery



67 Grace Shaw, Mary Claire Shaw, Sam Bradley Rogers and John Robbins  
68 Rogers; and

69 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
70 honor the indelible legacy of remarkable service of our colleague  
71 and friend, Representative Margaret Rogers, who represented her  
72 district, this body and the people of this state with honor and  
73 intrepid dignity:

74 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
75 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
76 commend the esteemed and laudable legislative career and public  
77 service of the most honorable, distinguished Lady from Union,  
78 Representative Margaret Ellis Rogers, and express fondest respect  
79 and best wishes for continued success in all of her future  
80 endeavors.

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
82 furnished to Representative Margaret Ellis Rogers and to the  
83 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

