

By: Representatives Carpenter, Arnold

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED AND MERITORIOUS
2 FIREFIGHTER CAREER OF IUKA FIRE CHIEF BRIAN RAY GRISSOM UPON THE
3 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, after 29 years of full-time firefighter service with
5 the City of Iuka Fire Department, which was preceded by two years
6 of part-time service with the department, serving in various
7 operations and administrative capacities, and ultimately his
8 appointment as Fire Chief of Iuka Fire Department in 2001, Chief
9 Brian Ray Grissom will enter into the long awaited fraternity of
10 retirement; and

11 WHEREAS, a decorated fireman, who initially joined the Iuka
12 Fire Department in 1989 before making the transition to full-time
13 employment with the department in 1991, Chief Grissom made inroads
14 as a distinguished fire and rescue personnel member when he became
15 the first firefighter in Tishomingo County to become 1001
16 certified at the Mississippi Fire Academy; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Grissom's decision to become a public servant
18 who would face heightened risks of harm to his own life and safety



19 when on duty to address inherently adverse dangers of responding
20 to uncertainty of each fire and rescue call, placed him on the
21 trajectory of chieftainship; and

22 WHEREAS, an exhibition of stalwart leadership in the various
23 roles he was assigned during his tenure with the department, along
24 with being equipped with a robust educational background and
25 certified training, Grissom received the esteemed honor of being
26 promoted to Chief of the Iuka Fire Department in 2001, after only
27 ten years of full-time firefighting duties; and

28 WHEREAS, as an individual with deep community ties, Chief
29 Grissom has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and
30 integrity, earning the unbridled respect and admiration of his
31 colleagues, fellow firemen, elected officials and a grateful
32 public through his affiliation with various professional, civic
33 and community-minded organizations, including: Northeast Vice
34 President of the Mississippi Fire Chief's Association; Floodplains
35 and Zoning Administrator for the City of Iuka; member of the board
36 for the Boys and Girls Club; member of the board for the Iuka
37 Heritage Festival Foundation; and as a board member of the Iuka
38 First United Pentecostal Church; and

39 WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Chief Grissom
40 exemplified the values of hard work, compassion, and devotion to
41 his community that are characteristic of the diligence of a true
42 public servant; and



43 WHEREAS, our state and country have been blessed with
44 courageous firefighters willing to sacrifice their personal safety
45 and concerns to ensure the safety of our citizenry, and the
46 Hospitality State is especially proud to claim Chief Grissom, who
47 has performed above and beyond the call of duty throughout his
48 tenure with the Iuka Fire Department, as one of our own; and

49 WHEREAS, throughout the duration of his tenure with the City
50 of Iuka Fire Department, Chief Grissom has enjoyed the constant
51 overwhelming support, encouragement, love and inspiration of his
52 wife of 31 years, Christy Embrey Grissom, and their three sons,
53 Alex, Reily and Connor; and

54 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
55 honor exemplary citizens of Chief Grissom's esteemed caliber and
56 selfless generosity, who have risked their lives to protect and
57 preserve the public safety in every capacity of service:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
59 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
60 commend the distinguished and meritorious career of Iuka Fire
61 Chief Brian Ray Grissom upon the occasion of his retirement and
62 extend best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
64 furnished to Fire Chief Brian Ray Grissom and to the members of
65 the Capitol Press Corps.

