

By: Representative Oliver

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING "BUGG" MILLS UPON BEING NAMED THE
2 2020 "FARM DOG OF THE YEAR" BY THE MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU
3 FEDERATION.

4 WHEREAS, created by the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation,
5 the Farm Dog of the Year contest recognizes the special bond
6 between farmers and their farm dogs; and

7 WHEREAS, the inaugural winners of the 2020 Farm Dog of the
8 Year Award, are "Bugg" Mills and her owner Kyle Mills, who work
9 together every day on their cotton and cattle farm in Montgomery
10 County; and

11 WHEREAS, farming can be a lonely occupation, which is why
12 many farmers choose to share the cab of their tractor or truck
13 with a farm dog, and Kyle Mills proves to be no exception to this
14 standard practice by inviting "Bugg" into his cab as his compadre;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, "Bugg" shoulders her fair share of farming
17 responsibility by riding the tractor, herding cattle and



18 protecting her family, remarkable attributes which make her an
19 exceptional farm dog; and

20 WHEREAS, equipped with an intuition that is almost humanistic
21 in observation, Kyle says, "She knows a little bit about
22 everything. She's smart. She goes with me just about
23 everywhere."; and

24 WHEREAS, "Bugg" showed up at Kyle's farm shop as a stray
25 more than 10 years ago, and initially she would not allow him to
26 approach her, but Kyle remained undeterred in his effort to
27 befriend her, having said, "I left food that first night and she
28 came up and got it, then ran off. The next morning, I threw her
29 some bologna. I left and when I came back, she was sitting there
30 looking at me like, 'Hey, I want another piece of bologna.'"; and

31 WHEREAS, once the relationship was fostered, "Bugg" never
32 left Kyle's side, and he continues to proclaim her greatness, not
33 only as a dog, but as a friend whom he proudly boasts "has been
34 with me through the birth of my kids and I know she will protect
35 them as they grow up. Everybody that works for us knows in the
36 morning, "Bugg" is going to be there to greet them. That's what
37 makes her special to me."; and

38 WHEREAS, according to MFBF President Mike McCormick, "Farm
39 dogs make life on the farm worth living. They are not just part
40 of the farm; they are part of our family."; and

41 WHEREAS, as the first winners of the Farm Dog of the Year
42 Award, "Bugg" and Kyle received \$500.00, six bags of Red Flannel



43 dog food by Exclusive Pet Nutrition and a plaque honoring "Bugg"
44 for her remarkable display of hard work and companionship; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
46 recognize the exceptional characteristics of true friendship on
47 display, whether in the form of companionship between two humans
48 or between humans and their pets:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
51 commend and recognize "Bugg" Mills upon being named the 2020 "Farm
52 Dog Of The Year" by the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, and
53 extend best wishes for "Bugg" and her owner Kyle Mills for a
54 continued bond of companionship for many more years to come.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
56 furnished to Kyle Mills and to the members of the Capitol Press
57 Corps.

