

By: Representative Carpenter

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 85

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED AND MERITORIOUS LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT CAREER OF CORINTH POLICE LIEUTENANT JERRY "TEN SPEED"
3 BOYD UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, after more than 14 years of full-time law
5 enforcement service with the City of Corinth Police Department,
6 which was preceded by 23 years of service with the Mississippi
7 Department of Public Safety as a Highway Patrolman, serving in
8 various operations and administrative capacities, and ultimately
9 his appointment as a lieutenant with the Corinth Police
10 Department, Lieutenant Jerry "Ten Speed" Boyd will enter into the
11 long awaited fraternity of retirement; and

12 WHEREAS, a Hernando native, Lieutenant Boyd, who is a
13 decorated highway patrolman, initially joined the Mississippi
14 Department of Public Service in 1980 after graduating Mississippi
15 Highway Patrol School and subsequently devoted 23 years of
16 meritorious service to the State of Mississippi as a state trooper
17 stationed in Iuka before embarking upon his short-lived first
18 retirement; and



19 WHEREAS, after only a few years, "Ten Speed," as he is most
20 commonly referred to, decided once again to don the "Black and
21 Blue" and respectfully reentered the law enforcement arena by
22 joining the Corinth Police Department; and

23 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Boyd, a 1977 graduate of the University
24 of Mississippi, holding a degree in public administration, became
25 the first African-American law enforcement officer in Tishomingo
26 County, and one of the first African-American state troopers in
27 Northeast Mississippi; and

28 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Boyd's decision to become a public
29 servant who would face heightened risks of harm to his own life
30 and safety when on duty to address inherently adverse dangers of
31 serving and protecting the people and upholding the laws of the
32 sworn oath taken, placed him on the trajectory of career success,
33 which also complimented his 28-year career with the Mississippi
34 National Guard, from which he retired with the rank of Lieutenant
35 Colonel; and

36 WHEREAS, in exhibition of stalwart leadership in the various
37 roles he was assigned during his tenure with the department, along
38 with being equipped with a robust educational background and
39 certified training, Lieutenant Boyd has demonstrated the utmost
40 professionalism, ability and integrity, earning the unbridled
41 respect and admiration of his colleagues, fellow law enforcement
42 officers, elected officials and a grateful public; and



43 WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Lieutenant Boyd
44 exemplified the values of hard work, compassion and a deep
45 devotion to his community that are characteristic of the diligence
46 of a true public servant; and

47 WHEREAS, through the steadfast commitment of this giant of an
48 individual, our state and nation have been blessed with courageous
49 law enforcement officers willing to sacrifice their personal
50 safety and concerns to ensure the safety of our citizenry, and the
51 Hospitality State is especially proud to claim Lieutenant Boyd,
52 who has performed above and beyond the call of duty throughout his
53 tenure with the Corinth Police Department, as one of our own; and

54 WHEREAS, the former owner and proprietor of "Ten Speed's
55 Barbecue," Lieutenant Boyd, who enjoys sporting events, fishing,
56 and barbecuing, has enjoyed the constant unyielding support,
57 encouragement, love and inspiration of his daughter, Gabby, and
58 his one-year-old grandson, Khaden; and

59 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
60 honor exemplary citizens of Lieutenant Boyd's esteemed caliber and
61 selfless generosity, who have risked their lives to protect and
62 preserve the public safety in every capacity of service:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
64 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
65 commend the distinguished and meritorious career of Corinth Police
66 Lieutenant Jerry "Ten Speed" Boyd upon the occasion of his



67 retirement and extend best wishes for success in all his future
68 endeavors.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
70 furnished to Lieutenant Jerry "Ten Speed" Boyd and to the members
71 of the Capitol Press Corps.

