

By: Representative Gunn

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU FEDERATION UPON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OF
3 ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

4 WHEREAS, 100 years ago, on October 30, 1922, the Mississippi
5 Farm Bureau Federation, the voice of agriculture for farmers,
6 ranchers and rural Mississippians, was officially chartered in
7 Jackson, Mississippi, and C.L. Neill of Jones County, Mississippi,
8 was elected as the first president; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to serving as the voice for agriculture,
10 the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation's mission is to cultivate
11 an environment in which Mississippi farmers, ranchers and Farm
12 Bureau members can enjoy a better life and make a better living;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, which has
15 always been a grassroots organization, maintains offices in all 82
16 Mississippi counties so that farmers do not have to travel very
17 far in order to make their voices heard; and



18 WHEREAS, through the Farm Bureau structure, beginning at the
19 county level and proceeding through the state and national levels,
20 producers annually evaluate the problems of agriculture and rural
21 living and make recommendations to create Farm Bureau policy; and

22 WHEREAS, because of the great working relationship between
23 the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation and the Mississippi
24 Legislature, the bureau has played a vital role in passing a
25 right-to-farm bill, emergency funding for roads and bridges across
26 the state and broadband Internet access for rural areas; and

27 WHEREAS, in 2010, the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation
28 began an initiative and referendum campaign to have Initiative 31
29 put on the 2011 statewide ballot after the organization's leaders
30 and volunteers collected 120,000 signatures; and

31 WHEREAS, Initiative 31 proposed to amend the Mississippi
32 Constitution to prohibit state and local governments from taking
33 private property by eminent domain and then conveying it to other
34 persons or private businesses for a period of 10 years after the
35 acquisition, and after Initiative 31 was put to a vote before all
36 Mississippians during the 2011 general election, 73 percent of
37 people voted in favor of the measure; and

38 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation recognizes
39 the following 17 Mississippi commodities and works to promote each
40 one: aquaculture, beef, corn, cotton, dairy, equine, forage,
41 forestry, honeybees, horticulture, peanuts, poultry, soybeans,
42 sweet potatoes, swine, rice and wheat; and



43 WHEREAS, in December 2014, Mike McCormick was elected as the
44 tenth president of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
46 and commend fine institutions in Mississippi that have left a
47 profound impact on her citizens and continue to serve a positive,
48 vital role in present and future vitality and sustainability of
49 this great Magnolia State:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
51 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
52 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
53 Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation upon the auspicious occasion of
54 its 100th anniversary and express best wishes for its continued
55 success and growth in the future.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
57 furnished to the President of the Mississippi Farm Bureau
58 Federation, Mr. Mike McCormick, and to the members of the Capitol
59 Press Corps.

