

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 88

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING BOB TYLER  
2 FOR HIS LIFE OF SERVICE TO YALOBUSHA COUNTY AND THE STATE OF  
3 MISSISSIPPI UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT IN JUNE 2022 AS  
4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE YALOBUSHA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
5 DISTRICT.

6 WHEREAS, Bob Tyler, affectionately known to many as "Coach,"  
7 is retiring in June 2022 as Executive Director of the Yalobusha  
8 County Economic Development District after 15 outstanding years of  
9 service in the position; and

10 WHEREAS, on December 19, 2007, board members of the Yalobusha  
11 County Economic Development District officially elected Bob Tyler  
12 as director of the district, and he had initially served as  
13 chairman of the nine-person board - and was later appointed  
14 interim director earlier in the month as the fledgling entity got  
15 up to speed; and

16 WHEREAS, Bob Tyler was a familiar figure in Yalobusha County,  
17 best known for his 32-year football coaching career, which he  
18 started in 1955 at Water Valley High School; and the pinnacle of  
19 his coaching years was in 1973, where he led the Mississippi State



20 Bulldogs to a 9-3 season and in 1974 with a Sun Bowl victory over  
21 North Carolina; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1992, he was appointed by Governor Kirk Fordice  
23 as Director of Parks with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife,  
24 Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP); and he worked in this position for  
25 four years, and worked another four and a half years as deputy  
26 director of the department; and

27 WHEREAS, Bob Tyler left the agency in 2000 and coached for  
28 three more years, before returning to the MDWFP as a consultant,  
29 and he serves as an ex officio board member of the Foundation for  
30 Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; and

31 WHEREAS, in 2021, he was inducted into the Mississippi State  
32 University M-Club Hall of Fame, and though he coached at Water  
33 Valley, Okolona, Senatobia, Meridian, Corinth, Ole Miss and  
34 Alabama, it was his six years coaching the Mississippi State  
35 Bulldogs that earned him the most recognition; and

36 WHEREAS, Bob Tyler and his wife, Dale, who both received  
37 degrees from the University of Mississippi, are truly a team in  
38 all their endeavors, a beautiful couple who always say "we" rather  
39 than "I"; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
41 and honor great Mississippians, especially those such as Bob  
42 Tyler, whose tireless efforts and steadfast commitment to promote  
43 Yalobusha County, Mississippi, will be remembered for generations  
44 to come:



45           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
47 THEREIN, That we do recognize and honor Bob Tyler for his life of  
48 service to Yalobusha County and the State of Mississippi upon the  
49 occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Yalobusha  
50 County Economic Development District, and extend sincerest wishes  
51 for continued success in his lighter days ahead.

52           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
53 furnished to Bob Tyler and to the members of the Capitol Press  
54 Corps.

