

By: Representative Haney

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED AND MERITORIOUS LAW  
2 ENFORCEMENT CAREER OF D'IBERVILLE POLICE CHIEF WAYNE HAMILTON  
3 PAYNE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Police Chief Wayne Hamilton Payne retires effective  
5 March 11, 2022, after dedicating numerous years of illustrious  
6 service and extraordinary leadership to the wonderful people of  
7 Harrison County and D'Iberville, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, Chief Wayne Payne, born in Gulfport, is a native and  
9 lifelong resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, graduated from  
10 Gulfport High School and holds a criminal justice bachelor of  
11 science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Payne has been married to Paula (Huguet) Payne  
13 since 1974 and they are the parents of two sons, Wayne and Joey,  
14 both of whom are law enforcement officers and have three  
15 grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Kimberly and Haily Payne; and

16 WHEREAS, prior to becoming the Chief of Police for the City  
17 of D'Iberville in October 2007, Chief Payne worked for the City of  
18 Gulfport Water and Sewer Department from July 1973 until he moved



19 to the Gulfport Fire Department in April 1974; and he became a  
20 member of the Gulfport Police Department in September 1976 as a  
21 patrol officer; and

22 WHEREAS, Chief Payne was promoted to Detective in 1980,  
23 Detective Sergeant in 1984, Detective Lieutenant in 1988,  
24 Detective Captain in 1989, and Major-Officer in Charge of  
25 Detectives in 1990; and in 1994 after completing 21 years of  
26 service with the City of Gulfport, Chief Payne was selected for  
27 and accepted the position of Chief of Police for the City of Long  
28 Beach, Mississippi; and

29 WHEREAS, at the end of 1995, after one year as the Long Beach  
30 Chief of Police, Chief Payne returned to the Gulfport Police  
31 Department as Major of Operations; and on February 9, 1998, he was  
32 promoted to Deputy Chief of Police before being promoted to Chief  
33 of Police for the City of Gulfport in January 2000; and

34 WHEREAS, after completing four years as Chief of Police and a  
35 total of 30 years with the City of Gulfport, Chief Payne retired  
36 January 2004 and went to work as Major of Operations for the  
37 Harrison County Sheriff's Department; and in 2007, Chief Payne was  
38 selected as the first Chief of Police for the City of  
39 D'Iberville's Police Department; and

40 WHEREAS, he has just completed his ninth year serving on the  
41 Executive Board of the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of  
42 Police, serving five years as southern vice president of the  
43 association; and



44           WHEREAS, throughout his career, Chief Payne has attended  
45 numerous law enforcement training courses, the highlight being  
46 completion in June 1986 of the United States Department of Justice  
47 Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy; and

48           WHEREAS, Chief Payne has exemplified phenomenal  
49 professionalism, ability and integrity, earning the unbridled  
50 respect and admiration of his colleagues, fellow officers, and a  
51 grateful public; and

52           WHEREAS, as a dedicated leader who performed above and beyond  
53 the call of duty, Chief Payne, with his indomitable grit,  
54 exceptional abilities and passionate determination, will be dearly  
55 missed by all of his colleagues and others who were fortunate to  
56 have had the opportunity to work with him; and

57           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
58 pay tribute to great, heroic Mississippians, especially those such  
59 as Chief Wayne Payne, who dedicated his life to protecting and  
60 serving citizens each day, and whose outstanding leadership,  
61 dauntless fortitude and unwavering duty to serve the people of  
62 D'Iberville and this great Magnolia State will always be  
63 remembered:

64           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
65 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
66 commend the distinguished and meritorious law enforcement career  
67 of D'Iberville Police Chief Wayne Hamilton Payne upon the occasion



68 of his retirement, and extend best wishes for success in his  
69 lighter days ahead.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
71 furnished to Chief Wayne Hamilton Payne and to the members of the  
72 Capitol Press Corps.

