

By: Representatives Bounds, Evans (45th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 56

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PAT THOMASSON, CEO OF THOMASSON  
2 COMPANY IN PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE FIRST FEMALE CHAIR OF  
3 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSISSIPPI MANUFACTURERS  
4 ASSOCIATION AND COMMENDING HER BUSINESS AND CIVIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

5 WHEREAS, we join the membership of the Mississippi  
6 Manufacturers Association and the citizens of Central Mississippi  
7 in honoring the business and civic accomplishments of a greatly  
8 respected businesswoman, Pat Thomasson, CEO of Thomasson Company  
9 in Philadelphia, Mississippi, as she has been selected as the  
10 first female Chair of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi  
11 Manufacturers Association (MMA); and

12 WHEREAS, Pat Thomasson, a native of Philadelphia,  
13 Mississippi, received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the  
14 University of Mississippi in accounting, and upon leaving Ole  
15 Miss, she accepted a position with Arthur Anderson in New Orleans,  
16 Louisiana, and in 1988, she was licensed by the State of  
17 Mississippi as a Certified Public Accountant; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1989, Pat returned to her home state to work as a  
19 Senior Securities Analyst for the Mississippi Secretary of State's



20 Office Securities Division, and while there, she established the  
21 agency's first auditing program, analyzed the financial records in  
22 securities fraud and embezzlement cases, testified in state and  
23 federal courts, and conducted numerous audits; and

24 WHEREAS, Pat also served on the North American Securities  
25 Administrators Association Uniform Examination Committee, helping  
26 to write and monitor examinations taken by financial advisors and  
27 stockbrokers, and in 1993, she was certified as a fraud examiner;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, in 1996, at the request of her family, Pat returned  
30 to Philadelphia, Mississippi, to work in the family business, and  
31 as she wears many different hats in Thomasson Company, she  
32 currently serves as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the  
33 Board; and

34 WHEREAS, under Pat's leadership, Thomasson Company was  
35 awarded the 2012 Governor's Cup Award for Small Business, the 2016  
36 Oncor Omnis Supplier Award, and was recognized as a Vistra Energy  
37 Supplier Diversity Gold Star Supplier, and she is also a recent  
38 recipient of the 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Women's  
39 Business Enterprise Council South, and was named 2014 Business  
40 Woman of the Year by *Mississippi Business Journal*, and in 2015,  
41 Thomasson Company received the Neshoba County Large Business of  
42 the Year Award, and she received the Volunteer of the Year Award  
43 from the Neshoba County Literacy Council; and



44 WHEREAS, Pat is currently President of the Mississippi Lumber  
45 Manufacturers Association, Vice President of the Board of  
46 Directors of the Marty Stuart Center for Country Music, and Board  
47 of Directors Chair for the Mississippi Manufacturers Association,  
48 a member of the Mississippi Economic Council and the M.B. Swayze  
49 Foundation, and she is also the past president of several  
50 organizations including the Community Foundation of East  
51 Mississippi and the Philadelphia Rotary Club; and

52 WHEREAS, additionally, Pat is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow,  
53 Past Honorary Chairman of the American Cancer Society Relay for  
54 Life, member of the University of Mississippi 1848 Society and  
55 Loyalty Foundation, graduate of Mississippi Economic Council's  
56 Leadership Mississippi and past treasurer and board member of the  
57 Business and Industry Political Education Committee; and

58 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
59 recognize and commend extraordinary Mississippians, especially  
60 those such as Pat Thomasson, whose exceptional dedication and  
61 outstanding contributions bring honor to her community and to the  
62 State of Mississippi:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
64 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
65 recognize Pat Thomasson, CEO of Thomasson Company, as the first  
66 female Chair of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi  
67 Manufacturers Association and commend her business and civic  
68 achievements.



69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
70 furnished to Pat Thomasson and her family, to the Board of  
71 Directors of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association, and to the  
72 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

