

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 96

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING DR. ELTON MAC HUDDLESTON, JR., UPON
2 BEING HONORED AS THE 2022 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT BY
3 THE MISSISSIPPI VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

4 WHEREAS, in appreciation of his wonderful service to the
5 profession of veterinary medicine, Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston, Jr.,
6 is being honored as a recipient of the 2022 Lifetime Achievement
7 Award by the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association; and

8 WHEREAS, born on September 16, 1943, and raised by his
9 maternal grandparents in Holmes County, Mississippi, Dr.
10 Huddleston watched the neighboring crop duster fly over their
11 property and dreamed of flying, however, he never dreamed that one
12 day, he himself would fly under much different circumstances; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Huddleston graduated with his bachelor's degree
14 from Mississippi State University, and he then took a semester off
15 to go home and visit his grandparents before applying to
16 veterinary school at Auburn University, but he soon received a
17 letter from the United States Army, inviting him to report to Ft.
18 Sill for active duty, and after helicopter pilot training in two



19 or three other duty stations, his final destination was Vietnam,
20 where he was a pilot for the duration of his tour of duty; and

21 WHEREAS, upon his discharge, Dr. Huddleston finished his
22 required classes, reapplied to Auburn, and successfully entered
23 veterinary school, earning his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in
24 1972; and

25 WHEREAS, while he had several opportunities to work in
26 different places, Dr. Huddleston eventually found himself
27 practicing in Pontotoc, Mississippi, after being wooed by the
28 local auctioneer and the community at large, and over the next
29 several years, he would practice in Pontotoc, Ecpu, and Amory, as
30 well as two stints as an instructor at the College of Veterinary
31 Medicine at Mississippi State University; and

32 WHEREAS, during this time, he was active in the Mississippi
33 Veterinary Medical Association as a representative and as
34 president, and he was also a member of the Mississippi Board of
35 Veterinary Medicine, where he served as both a member and later as
36 president, and at one time, he was the executive secretary of both
37 boards, a position no longer attainable simultaneously; and

38 WHEREAS, outside of his distinguished veterinary career, one
39 evening, Dr. Huddleston was at the Pontotoc County jail when the
40 sheriff suggested he ride along and consider being a deputy part
41 time, and though initially hesitant, he agreed, and on that first
42 shift they had seven arrests with four felony arrests and he was
43 hooked, and he later was recommended to, and completed, the



44 investigator school for Pontotoc County, where he became an
45 investigator; and

46 WHEREAS, in 2008, Dr. Huddleston began his tenure as
47 Representative for House District 15, which encompasses Pontotoc
48 County, and since being elected to that seat, he has tirelessly
49 worked on behalf of the citizens of his district, and he currently
50 serves on the following committees: Agriculture, Appropriations,
51 Education, Military Affairs and Rules, and is Chairman of
52 Universities and Colleges and Ethics; and

53 WHEREAS, Dr. Huddleston is also a member of the Pontotoc
54 Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Pontotoc Band Boosters, and
55 Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association; and

56 WHEREAS, an inspiration to everyone who has the pleasure to
57 meet him, Dr. Huddleston has led, and continues to lead, a life of
58 courage, sincerity and perseverance, and is a phenomenal
59 gentleman, grounded in integrity, who seeks to improve the lives
60 of others through a positive example and a great work ethic; and

61 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
62 honor great Mississippians, especially those such as Dr.
63 Huddleston, whose legacy of outstanding service brings honor to
64 the profession of veterinary medicine and to the State of
65 Mississippi:

66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
67 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
68 commend Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston, Jr., upon being honored as a



69 recipient of the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award by the
70 Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association, and express fondest
71 respect and best wishes for continued success in all of his future
72 endeavors.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
74 furnished to Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston, Jr., and to the members of
75 the Capitol Press Corps.

