

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 119

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

