

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. FLOYD
2 SHANKERMAN FOR HIS ICONIC YEARS OF SERVICE TO CLARKSDALE,
3 MISSISSIPPI, AS THE OWNER OF SHANKERMAN'S.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd Shankerman, a legendary and celebrated
5 retailer of Clarksdale, Mississippi, and surrounding areas of the
6 Mississippi Delta is being honored for his exceptional service as
7 the owner of Shankerman's, which has been in business for over 100
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1919, Mr. Shankerman's grandfather, Abraham, who
10 was born in Lithuania, got off a train in Clarksdale to simply
11 stretch his legs and upon taking in the beautiful view of the
12 city, his grandfather fell in love with Clarksdale and decided to
13 place his roots there and started Shankerman's; and

14 WHEREAS, Shankerman's, which specializes in middle market
15 men's wear, began as a tailor shop before morphing into a full
16 scale men's wear store, and in 1920, Mr. Shankerman's father,
17 Phillip, joined the family business and laid the foundation of as



18 well as practiced exceptional service until his passing in 1985;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, after his father passed away in 1985, Mr. Shankerman
21 took over the store full time and continued his father's recipe
22 for success that has served this third-generation family business
23 well - be on time, be honest, be a hard worker, and stick to the
24 bush, which meant stay in one place and focus on the business; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Shankerman, who has a true love of people, has
26 been wonderfully described as a world class talker who never tires
27 of socializing with his customers and friends, and as such, he has
28 brought joy to others while simultaneously providing impeccable
29 service; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Shankerman, a man of many talents who attended
31 Delta State and served as the Statesmen's pitcher as a young man
32 in 1958, is also an expert coin collector, and he is blessed with
33 a beautiful voice that he lifts in praise in church, and notably,
34 he has been a life-long Elvis fan ever since Elvis, the King,
35 performed early in his career in Clarksdale; and

36 WHEREAS, in addition to being a true joy and inspiration to
37 his community, Mr. Shankerman is the great patriarch of the
38 Shankerman Family and was blessed to spend 53 years of blissful
39 marriage with his late wife, Joan Kantor Shankerman, who was the
40 adoring mother to their children while simultaneously being a
41 pillar and mainstay of the community; and



42 WHEREAS, Mr. Shankerman, at the blessed age of 83, continues
43 to work six days a week at his family-owned store, where he
44 continues exceptional service, which in turn, has kept customers
45 satisfied and happy for over 100 years and has made Shankerman's a
46 household name not only in Clarksdale but also throughout the
47 Mississippi Delta and beyond:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
50 congratulate and commend Mr. Floyd Shankerman for his longstanding
51 and superb service to the Coahoma County community, and we wish
52 him continued good health and prosperity in the operation of
53 Shankerman's and in all of his future endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Mr. Floyd Shankerman and to the members of the
56 Capitol Press Corps.

