

By: Representative Holloway

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MR. JOHNNY JOHNS UPON
2 THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS AGENCY MANAGER OF MISSISSIPPI
3 FARM BUREAU INSURANCE COMPANY IN COPIAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, after 28 years of outstanding service to the
5 residents of Copiah County, Mississippi, Mr. Johnny Johns retired
6 as agency manager of Mississippi Farm Bureau Insurance Company in
7 Copiah County; and

8 WHEREAS, the oldest of five children, Mr. Johns grew up on
9 Lilly Road in Gallman, Mississippi, and graduated from Hazlehurst
10 High School in 1969; and

11 WHEREAS, in August 1969, Mr. Johns became a freshman at
12 Mississippi State University, where he was a trumpet player in the
13 Famous Maroon Band, and he graduated from Mississippi State in
14 1973, with a degree in instrumental music education; and

15 WHEREAS, after his time at Mississippi State, Mr. Johns went
16 to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, as associate director of bands, for
17 two years before going to Forest, Mississippi, as associate
18 director of bands for six years; and



19 WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Johns made a career change and became
20 an agent with the Equitable Insurance Company, and in 1980, he was
21 offered an opportunity to return home to Copiah County, and he
22 accepted a position as an agent with the Mississippi Farm Bureau
23 Insurance Company, and worked as an agent with Farm Bureau for 14
24 years, and because of his exceptional dedication and service, in
25 1994, he was appointed as agency manager with Farm Bureau for
26 Copiah County, and he continued in that position for 28 years
27 until he retired on September 30, 2022; and

28 WHEREAS, additionally, Mr. Johns was a member of The National
29 Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA), and he
30 served in several leadership positions on the state and national
31 level during that time; and

32 WHEREAS, outside of his distinguished career, Mr. Johns and
33 his wife, Debbie, will have been married for 51 years on June 3,
34 2023, and they were blessed with two children, Jennifer, who
35 teaches at Copiah Academy, and Jay, who is worship leader at the
36 Way Church in Brandon, Mississippi, daughter-in-law, Laura Pickard
37 Johns, and two grandsons, Levi and Wyatt; and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
39 recognize and commend outstanding Mississippians, especially those
40 such as Mr. Johnny Johns, whose exceptional service brings honor
41 to Copiah County and to the State of Mississippi:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby



44 recognize and commend Mr. Johnny Johns upon the occasion of his
45 retirement as agency manager of Mississippi Farm Bureau Insurance
46 Company in Copiah County, Mississippi.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
48 furnished to Mr. Johnny Johns, and to the members of the Capitol
49 Press Corps.

