

By: Representative Gunn

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 81

1 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MR. HENRY PRESLEY POSEY ON THE
2 OCCASION OF BEING HONORED BY THE CITIZENS OF FLORA, MISSISSIPPI,
3 WITH THE RENAMING OF THE FLORA LIBRARY TO THE POSEY-BOWERING
4 LIBRARY AND COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS IMPRESSIVE LEGACY OF PRESERVING
5 THE RICH HISTORY OF FLORA AND MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

6 WHEREAS, the fine citizens of Flora, Mississippi, are
7 renaming the Flora library the Posey-Bowering Library to honor the
8 many years of dedicated support that Mr. Henry Presley Posey, a
9 beloved native of Flora, Mississippi, has given to preserve the
10 history of Flora and Madison County; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Posey is the esteemed author of an almost
12 700-page book spanning 150 years of history titled "*The Flora*
13 *Book: A History of Flora and Southwest Madison County,*
14 *Mississippi*", which he published in 2002, after 10 years of
15 research; and

16 WHEREAS, not only did he preserve Flora's history by writing
17 the book, he also dedicated the rights of the book to the Flora
18 library and the Flora Historical Society to ensure that monies



19 from book sales would benefit continued efforts to preserve
20 Flora's history; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Posey's unwavering commitment to the
22 preservation of Flora's history extends to its historic
23 structures, such as partnering with Mary Brooks to spearhead the
24 construction of the Veterans Monument on Main Street in Flora,
25 Mississippi, which is a living monument to honor all veterans; and

26 WHEREAS, he was also instrumental in acquiring a grant to
27 landscape the Flora Train Depot in 2020, and continues to work to
28 maintain the depot as a landmark in Flora; and

29 WHEREAS, he continues to be a dedicated friend to the Flora
30 Historical Society, and works diligently with the organization to
31 bring events to Flora; and

32 WHEREAS, like all other Flora projects that he has
33 successfully facilitated, Henry Presley Posey pushed for many
34 years to get a new library built in Flora, and now largely due to
35 his "can do" attitude and never taking "no" as an answer, Flora
36 has a new library; and

37 WHEREAS, most impressive, Mr. Posey continued to advocate for
38 the project even after he retired from the Flora library after
39 serving as the branch manager for 10 years from 2007 through 2017;
40 and

41 WHEREAS, to this day, Mr. Posey remains active in Friends of
42 the Flora Library and assists library activities and Flora
43 activities; and



44 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry Presley Posey has a myriad of other
45 talents that he has used throughout his career, such as serving as
46 band director in Clinton, Mississippi; Reno, Nevada; Dallas,
47 Texas; Jackson, Mississippi; and

48 WHEREAS, he was also the director of client assistance for
49 the Easter Seals Society where he worked to ensure that disabled
50 people received the needed assistance to help them in everyday
51 life and worked with companies to make sure their businesses were
52 handicap accessible; and

53 WHEREAS, Henry Presley Posey is on the Board of Directors for
54 the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, a
55 governor-appointed position; and

56 WHEREAS, it is evident that Mr. Henry Presley Posey has been
57 a lifelong participant and volunteer in numerous activities which
58 benefit the State of Mississippi, Madison County and the City of
59 Flora; and

60 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
61 honor the efforts of devoted citizens like Mr. Posey, who share
62 their time, talents and treasures for the betterment of future
63 generations of Mississippians:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
65 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
66 congratulate Mr. Henry Presley Posey on the occasion of being
67 honored by the citizens of Flora, Mississippi, with the renaming
68 of the Flora library to the Posey-Bowering Library and commending



69 him for his impressive legacy of preserving the rich history of
70 Flora and Madison County, Mississippi.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
72 furnished to Mr. Henry Presley Posey, the Flora Historical Society
73 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

