

By: Representative Roberson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 173

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MOST HONORABLE AND DISTINGUISHED  
2 GENTLEMAN FROM HARRISON, REPRESENTATIVE RANDALL H. PATTERSON, FOR  
3 HIS ESTEEMED AND LAUDABLE LEGISLATIVE CAREER AND PUBLIC SERVICE  
4 UPON THE SPECIAL OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI  
5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

6 WHEREAS, the honorable and distinguished Gentleman from  
7 Harrison, Representative Randall H. Patterson, has announced his  
8 plans for retirement from the Mississippi House of Representatives  
9 at the conclusion of the 2023 Regular Session of the Mississippi  
10 Legislature, after 20 years of tirelessly working on behalf of the  
11 citizens of District 115; and

12 WHEREAS, a resident and native of Biloxi, Mississippi,  
13 Representative Patterson, who even as a young person was on the  
14 trajectory of greatness that would eventually lead to his  
15 representing District 115, graduated from Biloxi High School  
16 before attending Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC);  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, blessed with God-given talents, Representative  
19 Patterson played baseball at the Perkinston campus of the college



20 and was vital in the team's winning the Mississippi Association of  
21 Junior Colleges Championship both years he played; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Patterson, after graduating from  
23 MGCCC in 1968, furthered his education by earning a bachelor's  
24 degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, the renowned  
25 home of the Golden Eagles, in 1971, and later earned a double  
26 master's degree in physical education and school administration  
27 from William Carey University in 1979; and

28 WHEREAS, before being elected to District 115 by his fellow  
29 citizens, Representative Patterson worked alongside his father,  
30 A.H. "Lank" Patterson, at their family's mechanical contracting  
31 company until being elected in 2004; and

32 WHEREAS, upon his election to the House of Representatives,  
33 Randall H. Patterson became the distinguished Gentleman from  
34 Harrison and wasted no time requesting the legislation, amendments  
35 and reports that would help effectuate into law the ideologies and  
36 policy changes that his constituents along the Mississippi Gulf  
37 Coast had elected him to carry out, and notably, not long after  
38 coming to the House, he helped guide and ensure that his  
39 constituents received the aid that was needed post Hurricane  
40 Katrina; and

41 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a legislator, Representative  
42 Patterson has effectively served as Chairman of Investigate State  
43 Offices Committee, and Vice Chairman of the Ports, Harbors and  
44 Airports Committee, and he also served, throughout his prestigious



45 tenure, as a member of the Enrolled Bills; Executive Contingent  
46 Fund; Constitution; Marine Resources; Oil, Gas and Other Minerals;  
47 Public Property; Tourism; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Gaming;  
48 Universities and Colleges; Juvenile Justice; Banking and Financial  
49 Services and Ways and Means Committees; and

50 WHEREAS, not one to limit his community involvement to the  
51 Legislature, Representative Patterson, a contractor by profession,  
52 has always been active in District 115 and has been dedicated to  
53 improving the quality of life for all citizens, as evidenced by  
54 his service and affiliations as a member of the American  
55 Legislative Exchange Council, Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, Biloxi  
56 Bay Chamber of Commerce, Association of General Contractors of  
57 Mississippi, City of Biloxi Plumbing and Mechanical Board and the  
58 Biloxi Elks' Lodge #606 - all of which are a testament of his part  
59 of ensuring the Mississippi Gulf Coast continues to thrive; and

60 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives will  
61 cherish the bond and common goals for the betterment of this great  
62 state shared with Representative Patterson over the course of the  
63 past 20 years, and his impeccable service was unparalleled in the  
64 Mississippi Legislature and to the constituents of District 115;  
65 and

66 WHEREAS, Representative Patterson has remained a phenomenal  
67 gentleman, grounded in his integrity, who seeks to improve the  
68 lives of others through positive example, hard work and the  
69 undeniable truths of the Word of God; and



70           WHEREAS, the service of Representative Patterson would be  
71 without honor but for the continued support, encouragement and  
72 love of his beautiful wife, Vickie, and their children, Grant and  
73 Randi, who have endured the daunting struggles that accompany the  
74 life of an elected official, and much credit is also due to his  
75 loved ones who sacrificed countless hours without him in order to  
76 allow him to fulfill his legislative obligations; and

77           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
78 honor the indelible legacy of remarkable service of our colleague  
79 and friend, Representative Randall H. Patterson, who fearlessly  
80 represented District 115, this body and the people of this state  
81 with honor and intrepid dignity:

82           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
83 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
84 commend the most honorable, distinguished Gentleman from Harrison,  
85 Representative Randall H. Patterson for his esteemed and laudable  
86 legislative career and public service, and express fondest respect  
87 and best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors  
88 on the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast and beyond.

89           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
90 furnished to Representative Randall H. Patterson and to the  
91 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

