MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

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By: Representative Roberson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 202

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HONORABLE AND DISTINGUISHED

2 GENTLEMAN FROM MONROE, REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS BROWN, FOR HIS 3 ESTEEMED LEGISLATIVE CAREER AND PUBLIC SERVICE UPON THE OCCASION 4 OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. 5 WHEREAS, the honorable and distinguished Gentleman from Monroe, Representative Chris Brown, has announced his departure 6 7 from the Mississippi House of Representatives at the conclusion of 8 his current term, after working on behalf of the citizens of 9 Mississippi and House District 20, which encompasses Monroe, 10 Itawamba, and Lee Counties, marking a triumphant end to 12 years 11 of legislative service in the hallowed halls of the Mississippi 12 State Capitol; and WHEREAS, before assuming his seat as a member of the House of 13 14 Representatives from District 20 in 2012, Representative Brown grew up in Desoto County, graduated from Walnut High School in 15 Tippah County, attended Northeast Mississippi Community College in 16 17 Prentiss County, and furthered his education at the University of 18 Memphis; and

23/HR43/R2124 PAGE 1 (MCL\EW) WHEREAS, after his election to the House of Representatives in 2011, Representative Brown became the distinguished Gentleman from Monroe upon being sworn into office on the first day of his first legislative session in January 2012, and he wasted no time requesting the legislation, amendments and reports that would help effectuate into law the ideologies and policy changes that his constituents had elected him to further; and

26 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a legislator, Representative 27 Brown served as Chairman of the Conservation and Water Resources Committee from 2020 until 2024 and Chairman of the Medicaid 28 29 Committee from 2016 until 2020, and he also served as a member of 30 numerous other committees, such as: Appropriations, Agriculture, 31 Banking and Financial Services, Constitution, Management, 32 Judiciary A, Judiciary En Banc, Public Health, Transportation, Ways and Means, and Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; and 33

34 WHEREAS, Representative Brown's greatest memories will always 35 be the time spent with the House members he served with, the 36 friendships he has made across the state and across party lines, 37 and getting to know everyone who makes the Capitol function so 38 that the House members are able to serve the people; and

39 WHEREAS, among the multitude of memorable and significant 40 legislation that was passed during Representative Brown's service 41 in the House, those of which he is most proud and which he 42 personally supported or made important contributions to, include 43 changing the qualifications of the director of Medicaid, and House

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H. R. No. 202 23/HR43/R2124 PAGE 2 (MCL\EW) Bill No. 1090, that reformed the Medicaid program to better serve its beneficiaries; income tax elimination; third grade reading gate; defending the unborn, and many others; and

47 WHEREAS, not one to limit his community involvement to the 48 Legislature, Representative Brown, an eighth-generation 49 Mississippian and business owner, has always been active in his 50 district and dedicated to improving the quality of life for all 51 citizens, as evidenced by his service and affiliation as a member 52 of the Chamber of Commerce, Gideons International, National Rifle 53 Association (NRA), Republican Executive Committee, Monroe County Republican Executive Committee, Leadership Monroe, and the AOPA; 54 55 and

56 WHEREAS, the service of Representative Brown would be without 57 honor but for the continued support, encouragement and love of his 58 family, who have endured the difficulties that accompany the life 59 of an elected official, and much credit is also due to his loved 60 ones who have sacrificed countless hours without him in order to 61 allow him to fulfill his legislative obligations; and

WHEREAS, outside of his exceptional career and legislative service, Representative Brown is a faithful member of Ripley Primitive Baptist Church, where he has been active in overseas missions in both Africa and Siberia, and he also enjoys hunting, camping, and spending time with his family in the great outdoors; and

H. R. No. 202 23/HR43/R2124 PAGE 3 (MCL\EW) 68 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives will 69 cherish the bond and common goals for the betterment of this great 70 state shared with Representative Brown over the course of the past 71 12 years; and

72 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to 73 honor the service of our colleague and friend, Representative 74 Chris Brown, who represented District 20, the Mississippi 75 Legislature, and the State of Mississippi with honor and dignity: 76 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF 77 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby 78 commend the honorable, distinguished Gentleman from Monroe, 79 Representative Chris Brown, for his esteemed legislative career, 80 and express fondest respect and best wishes for continued success 81 in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Representative Chris Brown and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

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