

By: Representative Roberson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 203

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ESTEEMED AND LAUDABLE LEGISLATIVE
2 CAREER AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE MOST HONORABLE, DISTINGUISHED
3 GENTLEMAN FROM DESOTO, REPRESENTATIVE DANA CRISWELL.

4 WHEREAS, the honorable and distinguished Gentleman from
5 Desoto, Representative Dana Criswell has announced his plans for
6 retirement from the Mississippi House of Representatives at the
7 conclusion of the 2023 Regular Session of the Mississippi
8 Legislature, after tirelessly working on behalf of the citizens of
9 Mississippi and House District 6, which encompasses Desoto County,
10 marking a triumphant end to eight years of legislative service in
11 the hallowed halls of the Mississippi State Capitol; and

12 WHEREAS, before assuming his seat as the member of the
13 Mississippi House of Representatives from District 6 in 2016,
14 Representative Criswell, who was born on October 9, 1963, in
15 Pascagoula, Mississippi, graduated with his bachelor of aviation
16 degree from Delta State University and his master of arts degree
17 from the University of Louisiana Monroe, and served as a pilot for
18 FedEx; and



19 WHEREAS, upon his election to the Mississippi House, Dana
20 Criswell became the distinguished Gentleman from Desoto upon being
21 sworn into office on the first day of his first legislative
22 session in January 2016, and wasted no time requesting the
23 legislation, amendments and reports that would help effectuate
24 into law the ideologies and policy changes that his constituents
25 had elected him to further; and

26 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a legislator, Representative
27 Criswell has served on the following committees: Constitution as
28 Vice Chair, Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency as Vice
29 Chair, Appropriations, Drug Policy, Education, Judiciary A,
30 Judiciary B, Judiciary En Banc, Medicaid, Public Health and Human
31 Services, Technology, Tourism, Transportation and Universities and
32 Colleges; and

33 WHEREAS, not one to limit his community involvement to the
34 Legislature, Representative Criswell has always been active in his
35 district and dedicated to improving the quality of life for all
36 citizens, as evidenced by his affiliation with the Airline Pilots
37 Association, National Rifle Association, National Association for
38 Gun Rights, and Desoto County Conservative Coalition; and

39 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives will
40 cherish the bond and common goals for the betterment of this great
41 state shared with the Honorable Representative Dana Criswell over
42 the course of the past eight years, and that his impeccable



43 service was unparalleled to the Mississippi Legislature and to the
44 constituents of District 6; and

45 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure in public office,
46 Representative Criswell has been showered with continued support,
47 encouragement and love from his family, including: his wife, the
48 former Julie Strum, and his children, Janine Smith, Ella,
49 Veronica, Josiah and Lena; and

50 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
51 honor the indelible legacy of remarkable service of our colleague
52 and friend, Representative Dana Criswell, who represented his
53 district, this body and the people of this state with honor and
54 intrepid dignity:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
56 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
57 commend the esteemed and laudable legislative career and public
58 service of the most honorable, distinguished Gentleman from
59 Desoto, Representative Dana Criswell, and express fondest respect
60 and best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
62 furnished to Representative Dana Criswell and to the members of
63 the Capitol Press Corps.

