

By: Representative Roberson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 204

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MOST HONORABLE AND DISTINGUISHED
2 GENTLEMAN FROM PONTOTOC, DR. MAC HUDDLESTON, FOR HIS ESTEEMED
3 LEGISLATIVE CAREER AND PUBLIC SERVICE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS
4 RETIREMENT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

5 WHEREAS, the honorable and distinguished Gentleman from
6 Pontotoc, Dr. Mac Huddleston, has announced his plans for
7 retirement from the Mississippi House of Representatives at the
8 conclusion of his current term, after fervently working on behalf
9 of the citizens of Mississippi and House District 15, marking a
10 triumphant end to 16 years of legislative service in the hallowed
11 halls of the Mississippi State Capitol; and

12 WHEREAS, before assuming his seat as the member of the House
13 of Representatives in 2008, Dr. Huddleston graduated with his
14 bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University, and after
15 applying to veterinary school at Auburn University, he soon
16 received a letter from the United States Army, inviting him to
17 report to Ft. Sill for active duty, and after helicopter pilot
18 training in two or three other duty stations, his final



19 destination was Vietnam, where he was a pilot for the duration of
20 his tour of duty; and

21 WHEREAS, after valiantly serving his country, upon his
22 discharge, Dr. Huddleston earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
23 degree from Auburn University in 1972, worked as a veterinarian in
24 Pontotoc, Ecpu, and Amory, and completed two stints as an
25 instructor at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi
26 State University; and

27 WHEREAS, outside of his distinguished veterinary career, Dr.
28 Huddleston completed the North Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy
29 and the Certified Investigator Program (MDPS), and became a
30 criminal investigator for Pontotoc County; and

31 WHEREAS, upon his election to the House of Representatives in
32 2007, Dr. Huddleston became the distinguished Gentleman from
33 Pontotoc upon being sworn into office on the first day of his
34 first legislative session in January 2008, and he wasted no time
35 requesting the legislation, amendments and reports that would help
36 effectuate into law the ideologies and policy changes that his
37 constituents had elected him to further; and

38 WHEREAS, Dr. Huddleston's love and deeply felt respect for
39 the Legislature as a sacred institution is inherently apparent in
40 his welcoming and authentically pleasant and genuine disposition,
41 which has served as a beacon of hope in pursuits to preserve and
42 nurture the integrity of the body for all legislators who equally



43 hold a lion's share in the stake of advancing the direction of the
44 state's economic, educational and political climate; and

45 WHEREAS, with an innate leadership ability and exceptional
46 character, Dr. Huddleston served as Chairman of the Universities
47 and Colleges Committee from 2020 until 2024, Chairman of the
48 Ethics Committee from 2020 until 2024, Vice Chairman of the
49 Appropriations Committee from 2012 until 2020, and Vice Chairman
50 of the Enrolled Bills Committee from 2008 until 2012, and he also
51 served as a member of the Agriculture, Apportionment and
52 Elections, Congressional Redistricting, Legislative
53 Reapportionment, Public Health and Human Services, Education,
54 Military Affairs, Rules, and Performance Based Budgeting
55 Committees; and

56 WHEREAS, not one to limit his community involvement to the
57 Legislature, Dr. Huddleston has always been active in his district
58 and dedicated to improving the quality of life for all citizens,
59 as evidenced by his service and affiliation as a member of the
60 Pontotoc Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Pontotoc Band Boosters,
61 and Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, and he also served the
62 Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association as a representative and
63 as president, and was a member of the Mississippi Board of
64 Veterinary Medicine, where he served as both a member and later as
65 president, and at one time, he was the executive secretary of both
66 boards, a position no longer attainable simultaneously; and



67 WHEREAS, outstandingly, in appreciation of his wonderful
68 service to the profession of veterinary medicine, Dr. Huddleston
69 was honored as a recipient of the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award
70 by the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association; and

71 WHEREAS, the service of Dr. Huddleston would be without honor
72 but for the continued support, encouragement and love of his
73 family, 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 have sacrificed countless hours without him in
76 order to allow him to fulfill his legislative obligations; and

77 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives will
78 cherish the bond and common goals for the betterment of this great
79 state shared with Dr. Huddleston over the course of the past 16
80 years, and his impeccable, superb service to the Mississippi
81 Legislature, and to the constituents of District 15, is surely
82 unparalleled, and exemplifies the true meaning of public service,
83 which is to serve the needs of the people; and

84 WHEREAS, Dr. Huddleston has remained a phenomenal gentleman,
85 grounded in his integrity, and highly regarded for his
86 understanding of the ultimate purpose of legislation, and
87 throughout his admirable tenure, he has continually sought to
88 improve the lives of others through positive example, hard work
89 and the undeniable truths of the Word of God; and

90 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
91 honor the extraordinary service of our colleague and friend, Dr.



92 Mac Huddleston, who represented his district, this body and the
93 people of this state with honor and dignity, leaving a lasting
94 legacy that will certainly be remembered for years to come:

95 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
96 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
97 commend the most honorable, distinguished Gentleman from Pontotoc,
98 Dr. Mac Huddleston, for his esteemed legislative career and public
99 service, and express fondest respect and best wishes for continued
100 success in all his future endeavors.

101 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
102 furnished to Dr. Mac Huddleston and to the members of the Capitol
103 Press Corps.

