

By: Representative Holloway (76th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER AND
2 LAUDABLY ESTEEMED PUBLIC SERVICE OF MR. CHARLES F. MCCLELLAND,
3 SR., AND EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO
4 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, it is with great respect and admiration that we
6 recognize the esteemed career and exemplary public service of Mr.
7 Charles F. McClelland, Sr., who has dedicated his life to the
8 advancement of his community and the betterment of the State of
9 Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. McClelland's career is a testament to his
11 unwavering commitment to excellence, integrity and public service,
12 having served in numerous capacities that have significantly
13 impacted the social, economic and civic landscape of the state;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. McClelland's educational journey laid the
16 foundation for his exemplary career, beginning with his graduation
17 from Callaway High School, where he excelled academically and
18 demonstrated early leadership skills; and

19 WHEREAS, he furthered his education at Alcorn A&M College
20 (now Alcorn State University), earning a degree in health and
21 physical education, where he distinguished himself as a dedicated
22 student with a passion for civic engagement and community
23 development, as well as a formidable athlete who lettered four
24 consecutive seasons in basketball and track and field, receiving
25 accolades such as Most Valuable Player (MVP) and All-Conference
26 selections; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. McClelland's outstanding athletic achievements
28 in basketball positioned him for candidacy and ultimately
29 induction into the 2004 Class of the Alcorn State University
30 Sports Hall of Fame and the 2023 Class of the Southwestern
31 Athletic Conference Hall of Fame, solidifying his legacy as both
32 an athlete and a leader; and

33 WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of continued professional
34 development, Mr. McClelland pursued graduate studies at Jackson
35 State University, earning a masters of education degree, which
36 provided him with advanced knowledge and expertise that would
37 shape his impactful career; and

38 WHEREAS, his experiences as a basketball player instilled in
39 him the values of perseverance, teamwork and strategic thinking,
40 which he seamlessly translated into his professional endeavors,
41 earning the respect of colleagues and community leaders alike; and

42 WHEREAS, a distinguished leader in both the public and
43 private sectors, Mr. McClelland has held various key leadership



44 roles, demonstrating unparalleled expertise in governance, policy
45 development and community engagement, including lending his
46 professional expertise and perspective to the Better Together
47 Commission, Mississippi Home Corporation Board of Directors, Hinds
48 County Agriculture Committee, Consumer Advisory Board for the
49 Public Service Commission's Central District, River Oaks Hospital
50 Advisory Board, Mississippi High School Activities Association
51 Executive Board and the State Board of Education; and

52 WHEREAS, Mr. McClelland's tenure as a prominent figure in
53 governmental agencies has led to the implementation of vital
54 programs that have benefitted countless citizens, including
55 initiatives focused on economic development, education and
56 infrastructure improvement; and

57 WHEREAS, as an advocate for civic engagement and social
58 responsibility, Mr. McClelland has been an integral part of
59 multiple nonprofit and philanthropic organizations, lending his
60 leadership and vision to initiatives aimed at uplifting
61 underserved communities and expanding access to essential
62 services; and

63 WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding contributions, Mr.
64 McClelland has been the recipient of numerous accolades and
65 awards, including, but not limited to, the Alcorn State University
66 Hall of Honors, John A. Peoples/Walter Washington Humanitarian
67 Award, 2012 Alcornite of the Year, Legislative Council of the
68 Mississippi High School Activities Association Distinguished and



69 dedicated Service Award, which serve as a testament to his
70 enduring impact on the State of Mississippi; and

71 WHEREAS, throughout his career, which spans the area of the
72 vast flatlands of the Mississippi Delta, to the foothills of the
73 northwest Mississippi, to the heart of central Mississippi, Mr.
74 McClelland has mentored and inspired future generations of
75 leaders, fostering a culture of excellence, ethical leadership and
76 dedicated public service; and

77 WHEREAS, in addition to his professional achievements, Mr.
78 McClelland has been a steadfast advocate for education and youth
79 empowerment, working tirelessly to support initiatives that
80 enhance academic opportunities and workforce development across
81 the state; and

82 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to honor those
83 individuals who, through their unwavering dedication and service,
84 leave an indelible mark on our state and inspire future
85 generations to uphold the principles of integrity, leadership, and
86 public service:

87 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
88 REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby
89 honor the distinguished career and laudably esteemed public
90 service of Mr. Charles F. McClelland, Sr., express heartfelt
91 appreciation for his immeasurable contributions to the State of
92 Mississippi, and extend to him best wishes for continued success
93 and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.



94 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
95 furnished to Mr. Charles F. McClelland, Sr., and to the members of
96 the Capitol Press Corps.

