

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.

