

By: Representative Hall

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

1 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT JAMES RUSSELL UPON HIS
2 RETIREMENT FROM THE SOUTHAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND COMMENDING HIM
3 FOR THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE PROTECTING THE CITIZENS OF
4 THE SOUTHAVEN COMMUNITY.

5 WHEREAS, after protecting the citizens of Southaven for
6 thirty years as a dedicated law enforcement officer, Lieutenant
7 James Russell, a revered and invaluable member of the Southaven
8 Police Department retired on December 31, 2024; and

9 WHEREAS, he began his career in the patrol division with the
10 Southaven Police Department in 1995, and worked diligently in the
11 patrol division until 1999, when he earned a position as detective
12 in the traffic division; and

13 WHEREAS, he worked as a detective until 2001, when he was
14 pulled away to serve the citizens of the United States when he was
15 deployed with the United States Army from 2001 through 2004; and

16 WHEREAS, upon returning from deployment to the Southaven
17 Police Department in 2004, he was assigned to the Patrol Division
18 where he worked until 2007, when he earned a position with the

19 Fugitive Division, and worked there until 2009, when he was
20 promoted to Lieutenant; and

21 WHEREAS, since earning his stripes as Lieutenant, he has held
22 the title in a number of roles including Patrol Lieutenant from
23 2009 through 2014, Public Relations/School Resource Lieutenant
24 from 2014 through 2016; and

25 WHEREAS, in 2016, due to his impressive work ethic and
26 steadfast attention to detail, he was assigned to the Support
27 Services Division as the fleet coordinator, and was responsible
28 for overseeing the purchasing and maintenance of the police
29 department's fleet of vehicles; and

30 WHEREAS, although his absence will be felt, his professional
31 legacy of hard work, positivity and earnest dedication have left a
32 lasting mark on the Southaven Police Department; and

33 WHEREAS, his contributions in supporting the department's
34 mission to keep Southaven safe were immensely respected and
35 appreciated by his peers as well as the citizens of Southaven; and

36 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to honor the contributions of
37 public servants whose unwavering commitment to the safety of
38 Mississippians is priceless:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
41 commend Lieutenant James Russell for thirty years of dedicated
42 service protecting the citizens of Southaven, congratulate him

43 upon his retirement from the Southaven Police Department, and wish
44 him many years of success in his future endeavors.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
46 furnished to Lieutenant James Russell, the Southaven Police
47 Department and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

