

By: Representative Faulkner

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 66

1 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE HOLLY SPRINGS ROTARY CLUB ON
2 THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING AND
3 CHARTERING AS AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL.

4 WHEREAS, the Holly Springs Rotary Club, a distinguished
5 chapter of Rotary International, was founded on February 26, 1925,
6 and officially certified as a chartered member of Rotary
7 International on March 25, 1925, thereby marking a century of
8 unwavering dedication to service within Marshall County and
9 beyond; and

10 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club is a nonpolitical and nonreligious
11 global organization committed to fostering peace, goodwill and
12 understanding through the collaboration of business, professional
13 and community leaders, boasting a worldwide membership of over 1.4
14 million Rotarians in more than 46,000 clubs; and

15 WHEREAS, the Holly Springs Rotary Club was initially
16 sponsored by the Memphis Rotary Club, with special representative
17 Dabney Crump, and had as its first president Lester G. Fant, along



18 with fellow founding officers and charter members who laid a
19 strong foundation for the club's future; and

20 WHEREAS, throughout its 100-year history, the Holly Springs
21 Rotary Club has upheld the motto "Service Above Self," by actively
22 participating in numerous civic and charitable initiatives,
23 including educational scholarships for local high school
24 graduates, support for the Crippled Children's Hospital in
25 Memphis, sponsorship of the Boy Scouts, community beautification
26 projects and international humanitarian efforts such as Rotary
27 International's "Polio Plus" campaign and the Mid-South Gift of
28 Life program, which provides life-saving medical procedures for
29 children in need; and

30 WHEREAS, the club has also played a pivotal role in youth
31 development and education by sponsoring the Rust College Rotaract
32 Club, organizing the annual ACT Prep Program, recognizing
33 exemplary students through the Student of the Month and
34 Extraordinary Effort Award programs and sponsoring students to
35 attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA); and

36 WHEREAS, the Holly Springs Rotary Club has remained a
37 steadfast pillar in the community by supporting civic engagement,
38 disaster relief, city clean-ups and numerous outreach programs
39 aimed at fostering unity, economic growth and leadership
40 development; and

41 WHEREAS, in its century-long existence, the club has provided
42 outstanding leadership, including past and present presidents who



43 have steered its mission forward, such as the first female
44 Rotarian Lucy B. Carpenter, the first African-American Rotarian
45 Mayor Eddie L. Smith, and a distinguished group of Paul Harris
46 Fellows who have contributed significantly to Rotary's legacy; and

47 WHEREAS, the club will celebrate this momentous milestone
48 with a Centennial Celebration appropriately themed, "A Century of
49 Service and Community," on March 22, 2025, at 940 Outdoor & Co.,
50 where Rotarians, community leaders and citizens will gather to
51 honor its rich history and continued commitment to service; and

52 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
53 recognize and honor organizations that exemplify a commitment to
54 service, leadership and community engagement, as has been
55 evidenced by the Holly Springs Rotary Club for the duration of its
56 century of service, dedication to humanitarian efforts and
57 commitment to improving the quality of life for citizens in
58 Mississippi and beyond:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
60 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
61 congratulate the Holly Springs Rotary Club on the occasion of its
62 100th anniversary, commend its members for their service and wish
63 the club continued success in the years ahead.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to the Holly Springs Rotary Club, Rotary District 6800
66 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

