

By: Representative Mansell

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 103

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER AND
2 MERITORIOUS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE OF MAYOR PHILIP R. FISHER UPON
3 THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Philip R. Fisher, the Mayor of the City of
5 Clinton, Mississippi, and community leader extraordinaire, is
6 retiring after selflessly dedicating 12 years of illustrious
7 service and competent guidance to the wonderful people of the
8 Clinton community; and

9 WHEREAS, born in 1954, Mayor Fisher grew up in Jackson,
10 Mississippi, attending Green Elementary School, Bailey Jr. High
11 School and Callaway High School, and he received his bachelor of
12 science degree in marketing from Mississippi State University in
13 1976 and his United States Army College Master Degree in Strategic
14 Studies in 2003; and

15 WHEREAS, during his tenure at Mississippi State, Mayor Fisher
16 began his journey into politics, as he was twice elected to the
17 student Senate, served as secretary and president of his



18 fraternity, and was elected Mr. Mississippi State University in
19 1976; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to graduating college in 1976, Mayor
21 Fisher also exchanged the vows of holy matrimony with Rita Kathryn
22 Davis of Enterprise, Mississippi, in May 1976, and they completed
23 their family unit with the addition of two children, Brian, and
24 his wife Mimmie, and their children, Mary Elizabeth, Hasten Doxey
25 and Graham Campbell, and daughter, Dana Faggert, and her husband
26 Andrew, and their daughter, Kathryn Hartfield (Hart); and

27 WHEREAS, after graduation, Mayor Fisher heroically joined the
28 United States Marine Corps, serving at Marine Corps Base Camp
29 Pendleton as a Platoon Commander, Weapons Platoon Commander and
30 Assistant Battalion Operation Officer; and

31 WHEREAS, Mayor Fisher also joined the Mississippi Army
32 National Guard, where he served as an Operations Officer, Planning
33 Officer and Commanding Officer of the 31st Rear Area Operation
34 Center; State Drug Reduction Officer; Intelligence Officer for the
35 66th Troop Command; Deputy Commanding Officer and then Commanding
36 Officer for the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command; and

37 WHEREAS, in August 2005, Mayor Fisher was mobilized for
38 Hurricane Katrina, serving as Chief of Staff, and in October 2005,
39 he was mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he commanded
40 soldiers in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan, with the task of
41 accounting for the thousands of missing shipping containers
42 throughout the Theater, and his and his teams' efforts resulted in



43 a reduction of monthly billing by the shipping companies from an
44 estimated \$25,000,000 per month to \$3,000,000 per month; and

45 WHEREAS, Mayor Fisher was activated for Operation Enduring
46 Freedom in June 2009, where he served as the senior Transportation
47 Officer in Afghanistan, and as the senior Transportation Officer,
48 his responsibilities included the command of 43,000 soldiers,
49 sailors, airmen, Marines, and civilians as well as all movement of
50 food, fuel, other supplies and ordinance in and out of
51 Afghanistan; and

52 WHEREAS, additionally, Mayor Fisher commanded the air assets
53 associated with both troop and supply movement in Afghanistan, and
54 had more trucking assets on the road in Afghanistan on any given
55 day than Walmart had in the entire United States, and his
56 responsibilities allowed him to work in close coordination with
57 other NATO countries including the United Kingdom, Canada, New
58 Zealand, Australia, Romania, France, Italy and Scotland; and

59 WHEREAS, Mayor Fisher has received numerous distinguished
60 military awards, some of the most prestigious a fearless combatant
61 can receive, and they include the Defense Superior Service Medal,
62 Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation
63 Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal,
64 National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global
65 War on Terrorism Service Medal, NATO Medal and the Ranger Tab; and

66 WHEREAS, in his civilian life, Mayor Fisher worked as an
67 equipment salesman for Stribling Puckett before joining the sales



68 team at Procter and Gamble in 1985, and during his tenure with
69 Procter and Gamble, he worked in the grocery, nursing home,
70 medical and dental divisions before retiring in 2007, and he was
71 recognized at the regional and national level for sales
72 achievement; and

73 WHEREAS, Mayor Fisher reentered the political arena in 1993
74 when he was elected for the first time as an alderman for the City
75 of Clinton, and he would go on to be re-elected to that position
76 three more times, and in 2007, he was elected District 4 Hinds
77 County Supervisor and then re-elected in 2011; and

78 WHEREAS, after serving as an alderman for 14 years and on the
79 Hinds County Board of Supervisors for six years, he was elected as
80 the Mayor of Clinton in 2013, beginning his first term on July 1,
81 2013, and Mayor Fisher assumed the role with years of invaluable
82 experience under his belt, and he utilized his training and
83 expertise to serve the role of mayor with efficiency and
84 effectiveness and respected each citizen's ideas and visions; and

85 WHEREAS, for the past 12 years, Mayor Fisher has worked
86 tirelessly to strengthen the City of Clinton, improve
87 infrastructure, and serve the people with passion and purpose, and
88 his dedication will leave a lasting mark for generations to come;
89 and

90 WHEREAS, Mayor Fisher was also honored with the Outstanding
91 Citizen of the Year Award, a title that reflects the impact of a
92 lifetime dedicated to leadership, integrity, and unwavering



93 commitment, and that certainly encompasses Mayor Fisher, a man
94 whose life has been defined by his service to his country, to his
95 family, and to his community; and

96 WHEREAS, in his spare time, Mayor Fisher enjoys reading
97 history and political books as well as visiting historical sites
98 and presidential museums, but visiting the grandchildren has
99 become his and Mrs. Fisher's number one priority; and

100 WHEREAS, after 12 years of mayoral service to the people of
101 Clinton, retirement will surely leave an insatiable void for
102 governing and mingling with Mississippi's finest in the heart of
103 Mayor Fisher, but he is overjoyed to spend time with his family
104 and grandchildren and reflect on the countless number of
105 remarkable people that have touched his life throughout his
106 12-year career as the Mayor of the City of Clinton; and

107 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
108 recognize and commend the tireless devotion to the betterment of
109 Mississippi and honor the ardent vow to impeccable public service
110 that Mr. Philip R. Fisher, bestowed to the citizens of Mississippi
111 as Mayor of the City of Clinton:

112 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
113 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
114 commend the distinguished career and meritorious leadership and
115 service of Mayor Philip R. Fisher upon the occasion of his
116 retirement, and extend sincere wishes for continued success and
117 joy in the lighter days ahead.



118 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
119 furnished to Mayor Fisher and to the members of the Capitol Press
120 Corps.

