

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.

