

By: Representatives Dickson, Ellis, Gibbs, To: Rules  
Walker

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 161  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MACON BEACON NEWSPAPER  
2 ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY.

3 WHEREAS, the Macon Beacon Newspaper was founded in July 1849,  
4 by Henry C. Ferris and will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary  
5 in July 1999; and

6 WHEREAS, the Macon Beacon remained in the Ferris Family for more  
7 than 120 years as it was passed down from Henry to his son,  
8 Phillip, then to his son, Douglas, who brought in a cousin, Brooke  
9 Ferris; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1972, a partnership between Brooke Ferris and Jim  
11 Robbins ended with Mr. Ferris' retirement and the paper was bought  
12 by the Robbins Family of Macon, Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, the Robbins Family published the paper until 1993  
14 when they sold it to Scott Boyd, who continues to serve the people  
15 of Noxubee County with the newspaper; and

16 WHEREAS, having a circulation of 3100 readers, the Beacon is  
17 one of only a few that have been in business for 150 years and  
18 also holds the distinction of being Noxubee County's oldest  
19 continuous business; and

20 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
21 and commend such outstanding businesses as the Macon Beacon, which  
22 has served the citizens of Noxubee County for 150 years:

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
25 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Macon  
26 Beacon on the celebration of its 150th Anniversary and extend our

27   heartiest wishes for many years of success.

28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
29   furnished to the Macon Beacon, Mr. Scott Boyd and members of the  
30   Capitol Press Corps.