

By: Nicholson, Bailey, Eakes, Livingston, To: Rules  
Malone, Moody, Reeves, Smith (27th), Stringer

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 99  
(As Adopted by House)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. EDDIE M. SMITH UPON  
2 HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of East Central  
4 Community College, will retire at the end of the 1999-2000 school  
5 year; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith, a native of Hernando, Mississippi,  
7 attended the public schools of Jackson and Noxapater, graduating  
8 from Noxapater High School in 1961; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith furthered his education at several state  
10 institutions of higher learning including earning an A.A. Degree  
11 in General Education from East Central Junior College, receiving a  
12 Bachelor's Degree in Science Education and a Master's Degree in  
13 Science Education from Mississippi State University and earning a  
14 Doctorate Degree in Higher Education Administration and  
15 Supervision from the University of Southern Mississippi; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith began his teaching career in the  
17 Natchez-Adams Public Schools, teaching biology, chemistry,  
18 advanced biology and earth science, and in 1969, he became  
19 Assistant Principal of the South Natchez-Adams High School; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1970, Dr. Smith began working for the University  
21 of Southern Mississippi in Natchez as a college professor and  
22 Director of Academic Affairs; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1972, Dr. Smith was named Campus Director of  
24 Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, the Natchez Campus and was named  
25 Dean of the Natchez Campus in 1975; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1985, Dr. Smith was named President of East

27 Central Community College in Decatur, Mississippi, where he has  
28 served for the past 15 years; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has been an outstanding member of his  
30 community and participated in various church and civic  
31 organizations including Clark-Venable Baptist Church, the Decatur  
32 Lions Club, the Wesson Baptist Church, Parkway Baptist Church, the  
33 Natchez Kiwanis Club, the Wesson Lions Club, Newton County  
34 Community Concert Board, Bobashela District Boy Scouts of America  
35 Board of Directors and the American Cancer Society; and

36 WHEREAS, in addition to his community service, Dr. Smith has  
37 been a member of numerous professional organizations such as the  
38 Mississippi Education Association, the Mississippi Science  
39 Teachers Association, the Mississippi Association of Colleges, the  
40 Mississippi Association of School Administrators, the Mississippi  
41 Public Junior College Deans' Association, the Commission on  
42 Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the  
43 Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and many  
44 more; and

45 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has received various awards and honors  
46 throughout his career including being named as Outstanding Young  
47 Educator, Outstanding Young Man of America, East Central Community  
48 College Alumnus of the Year and being presented the National  
49 Leadership Award by the College of Education, University of Texas  
50 at Austin, and the Phi Theta Kappa Bennett Award of Distinction,  
51 and also being honored by the naming of the Eddie M. Smith Student  
52 Union of East Central Community College; and

53 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has been lovingly supported in all his  
54 endeavors by his wife, Charlotte, and his two children, Kelli and  
55 Wendy; and

56 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
57 and pay special tribute to remarkable educators and administrators  
58 such as Dr. Eddie M. Smith, who has provided outstanding  
59 educational leadership to the young people of our state, who are

60 its future:

61           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
62 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
63 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Eddie M.  
64 Smith, President of East Central Community College, upon his  
65 retirement and express our deepest appreciation for his services  
66 as an outstanding educator and administrator to the State of  
67 Mississippi.

68           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
69 furnished to Dr. Eddie M. Smith and to the members of the Capitol  
70 Press Corps.