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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 106

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. SAMUEL O. MASSEY UPON
2 RECEIVING THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S
3 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD FOR 2000.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel O. Massey, a native of Pelahatchie,
5 Mississippi, was one of only nine honored by the American
6 Association of Community Colleges, naming him a recipient of a
7 2000 Outstanding Alumni Award; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1951, Dr. Massey made his way to Holmes Community
9 College to begin preparations for a career that would ultimately
10 embody the great loves of his life including medical scholarships,
11 medical mission work, a career in the Air Force that combined
12 military medicine and sitting in the cockpit of jet fighters and
13 the practice of medicine; and

14 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school at age 16, Dr.
15 Massey joined the Air Force at 17 to become a fighter pilot, which
16 later became a reality; and

17 WHEREAS, on the Goodman Campus of Holmes Community College,
18 Dr. Massey exhibited hard work, perseverance, leadership,
19 magnanimity and drive that have served as hallmarks of his career;
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21 WHEREAS, after completing his medical degree and internship,
22 Dr. Massey combined a family and surgery practice until 1969, when
23 he returned to college to complete a residency in otolaryngology;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, in 1970, Dr. Massey joined the United States
26 Military Reserve and returned to active duty in 1986 when given

27 the opportunity to practice medicine and take the back seat of an
28 F-15 fighter; and

29 WHEREAS, in honor of his military service, Dr. Massey was
30 nominated for Air Force Flight Surgeon of the Year in 1986, and
31 won the "Excalibur Award," given annually to the physician chosen
32 as the year's outstanding Air Force Surgeon in 1993; and

33 WHEREAS, in the past 10 years, Dr. Massey, beyond his time
34 and skill, has committed \$1,000,000.00 to medical missionary work
35 in the United States and abroad; and

36 WHEREAS, Dr. Massey supports the students of Holmes Community
37 College not only through scholarships but by regularly meeting
38 with them, discussing problems or offering advice; and

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Massey has been lovingly supported in all his
40 endeavors by his wife, Jamie; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
42 and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Dr. Massey, who has
43 given generously of his time and money to improving the quality of
44 life for people around the world:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
47 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Samuel O.
48 Massey upon receiving the American Association of Community
49 Colleges Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award and extend our
50 deepest appreciation for his contributions to Holmes Community
51 College.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
53 furnished to Dr. Samuel O. Massey and to the members of the
54 Capitol Press Corps.