

By: Representatives Eads, Banks, Brown,  
Denny, Ford, Gadd, Grist, Ishee, McBride,  
Moak, Moss, Perkins, Pierce, Reynolds,  
Simpson, Smith (27th), Smith (39th), Snowden,  
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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 135

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. GUTHRIE T. ABBOTT UPON  
2 HIS RETIREMENT AS PROFESSOR OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
3 MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF LAW.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Guthrie T. Abbott is retiring from the  
5 University of Mississippi School of Law after more than 30 years  
6 of service; and

7 WHEREAS, after earning a bachelor's degree from the  
8 University of Mississippi, Mr. Abbott attended the University of  
9 Mississippi School of Law, earning a juris doctor degree in 1967  
10 and was a Fellow in Law and Humanities at Harvard University in  
11 1974; and

12 WHEREAS, upon graduating from law school, Mr. Abbott began  
13 his legal career in private law practice with the firm of Eaton,  
14 Cottrell, Galloway and Lange in Gulfport, Mississippi; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1970, Mr. Abbott became an Associate Professor of  
16 Law at the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he has  
17 also served as Professor of Law and Acting Dean; and

18 WHEREAS, while teaching full time at the University of  
19 Mississippi School of Law, Mr. Abbott was a Visiting Professor of  
20 Law at Louisiana State University for two summer terms and was a  
21 Visiting Scholar at Cambridge University in Cambridge, England;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, throughout his long and distinguished teaching  
24 career, Mr. Abbott has received numerous awards and honors  
25 including being selected as the first recipient of the Butler,  
26 Snow, O'Mara, Stevens and Cannada Endowed Lectureship in Law;  
27 being elected by the law school student body as Outstanding

28 Professor of Law at the University of Mississippi School of Law in  
29 1974, 1976, 1984 and 1992; and received the University of  
30 Mississippi Outstanding Teacher Award for 1986; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott is a member of several honorary academic  
32 organization such as Phi Eta Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi  
33 Kappa Phi; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott is a member and has held several  
35 leadership positions in many professional organizations such as  
36 the Mississippi Bar, Mississippi Supreme Court Advisory Committee,  
37 Mississippi Bar Foundation, Mississippi Bar Young Lawyers  
38 Division, American Bar Foundation and the American Inns of Court  
39 III; and

40 WHEREAS, in addition to his professional activities, Mr.  
41 Abbott is actively involved in his community, serving as ruling  
42 Elder and previous Clerk of Session at First Presbyterian Church  
43 in Oxford, Mississippi; and

44 WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott has been lovingly supported in all his  
45 endeavors by his devoted wife, Patricia Munn Abbott, and his three  
46 children; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
48 and commend outstanding educators such as Mr. Abbott, who has  
49 dedicated his career to helping the young people of this state  
50 further their education in the legal profession:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
53 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Guthrie T.  
54 Abbott upon his retirement as Professor of Law from the University  
55 of Mississippi School of Law and express our heartiest wishes for  
56 success in all his future endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
58 furnished to Mr. Guthrie T. Abbott and to the members of the  
59 Capitol Press Corps.