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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. MORGAN FREEMAN FOR HIS  
 2 OUTSTANDING CAREER AS AN ACTOR.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan Freeman, a native of Mississippi, is one  
 4 of the most successful and highly respected actors in the  
 5 entertainment industry; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman, born in Memphis, Tennessee, on June 1,  
 7 1937, graduated from high school in Greenwood, Mississippi, in May  
 8 of 1955; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Mr. Freeman moved  
 10 to California to study dance and theatre arts at Los Angeles City  
 11 College; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1967, Mr. Freeman made his Broadway debut with  
 13 Pearl Bailey in "Hello Dolly!"; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman became nationally known when he created  
 15 the popular character, "Easy Reader" on the highly praised  
 16 children's show, "The Electric Company"; and

17 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Freeman has received many  
 18 awards for many of his performances including a Tony Award, the  
 19 Clarence Derwent Award, Drama Desk Award, Obie Award, the  
 20 Dramalogue Award and many others; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman has not only been successful in  
 22 television and the theatre, but has a long list of film credits  
 23 which include movies such as "Brubaker," "Eyewitness," "Harry &  
 24 Sons," "Teachers," "Clean & Sober," "Johnny Handsome," "Glory,"  
 25 and "Chain Reaction"; and

26           WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman won the Los Angeles, New York and  
27 National Society of Film Critics Awards for best supporting actor  
28 and was nominated for an Academy Award and Golden Globe Award for  
29 his performance in "Street Smarts"; and

30           WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman also starred in the popular movie,  
31 "Driving Miss Daisy," for which he won his second Academy Award  
32 nomination, won the Golden Globe Award and The Silver Bear for  
33 best actor at the Berlin Film Festival; and

34           WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman was seen in the David Brown production  
35 and thriller, "Kiss the Girls"; starred in the Steven Speilberg  
36 production, "Amistad," as abolitionist Theodore Jackson; took the  
37 lead in Paramount's adventure film "Hard Rain," opposite Christian  
38 Slater; played the President of the United States in the box  
39 office hit, "Deep Impact"; and starred in "Nurse Betty" along with  
40 Renee Zellweger and Chris Rock; and

41           WHEREAS, in November 2000, Mr. Freeman began shooting his  
42 next thriller, "High Crimes" with Ashley Judd in San Francisco,  
43 California; and

44           WHEREAS, in 1993, Mr. Freeman made his film directorial debut  
45 with "Bopha!," starring Danny Glover and Alfre Woodard, and soon  
46 after formed Revelations Entertainment, a production company  
47 developing entertainment product in all existing and emerging  
48 media; and

49           WHEREAS, most recently, Mr. Freeman has partnered with Bill  
50 Lockett in the restaurant business as the two opened the upscale  
51 restaurant called Madidi in the old 8000 square foot Landry's  
52 building located in downtown Clarksdale, Mississippi; and

53           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
54 and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Freeman, whose  
55 long and distinguished career brings great pride to the State of  
56 Mississippi:

57           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby

59 commend and congratulate Mr. Morgan Freeman upon his successful  
60 career as an actor and express our heartiest wishes for continued  
61 success in all his future endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
63 furnished to Mr. Morgan Freeman and to the members of the Capitol  
64 Press Corps.