

By: Senator(s) Huggins, Jordan, Harvey,
Robertson, Canon, Smith, Thames, Dearing

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 80

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HARRY H. BONNER OF
2 GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS
3 GENERAL MANAGER OF DELTA ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION AND
4 RECOGNIZING HIS LEGACY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, Harry Hall Bonner was born August 31, 1930, in
6 Memphis, Tennessee, and moved to Greenwood, Mississippi, in 1940,
7 attended Greenwood Public Schools and graduated in 1948 from
8 Greenwood High School and thereafter received a Bachelor of
9 Science Degree in Business Administration in 1952 from Delta State
10 University; and

11 WHEREAS, upon graduation he was employed by C.I.T. Credit
12 Corporation in Greenville, Mississippi, in 1952, was promoted to
13 Division Office Credit Manager in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1955, and
14 then promoted to Branch Manager of the Greenwood office in 1958;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, upon being offered the Memphis Branch Manager
17 position of the corporation, Harry H. Bonner chose to remain in
18 Greenwood and accepted the position of Office Manager at Delta
19 Electric Power Association on January 16, 1961, was named
20 Secretary-Treasurer of the association in 1973 and then in May
21 1985 was selected General Manager by the association's board of
22 directors; and

23 WHEREAS, Harry H. Bonner has been, and continues to be,
24 active as a member of St. John's United Methodist Church, having
25 served on the official board three separate terms, as a trustee
26 from 1982 to 1984 and as chairman of various commissions and
27 committees; and



28 WHEREAS, he also has actively participated as a member of the
29 Greenwood-Leflore Chamber of Commerce since 1959, having served on
30 the Executive Committee on two occasions, and was chosen the
31 Outstanding Chamber Member in 1979, elected President in 1989 and
32 was also instrumental in securing National Accreditation
33 Certification for the Chamber of Commerce; and

34 WHEREAS, Harry H. Bonner, a Mason and Shriner, has worked
35 actively and contributed as a member, officer and/or director of
36 many civic and community organizations: the United Way, the
37 Greenwood Foundation of the Arts, Chairman of the Annual Arts
38 Festival, past Director and President of the Greenwood Country
39 Club, Greenwood Lions Club member for forty-three years and
40 Secretary-Treasurer for twenty-one years, and a member of the
41 Greenwood-Leflore Industrial Board, the Greenwood Convention and
42 Visitors Commission; and

43 WHEREAS, he also has served as a director of numerous state
44 and national organizations: Mississippi Economic Council,
45 Electric Power Associations of Mississippi, South Mississippi
46 Electric Power Association and National Rural Electric Cooperative
47 Association; and

48 WHEREAS, Harry H. Bonner served in many ways; he did so to
49 improve his community and state for his fellow Mississippians, but
50 more especially on behalf of his wife, the former Freida Tingle of
51 Carrollton, Mississippi, his daughters, Dr. Judy Leake and Mrs.
52 Sheila Bidwell, and his grandsons, Lee Bidwell and Bonner Hankins;
53 and

54 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the career
55 and dedicated public service of this fellow Mississippian:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
57 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Harry H.
58 Bonner of Greenwood, Mississippi, upon the occasion of his
59 retirement as General Manager of Delta Electric Power Association,
60 recognizing his legacy of community service to his community and



61 state, and wish him and his family success in their future
62 endeavors.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
64 presented to Harry H. Bonner and his family, be forwarded to the
65 Board of Directors of Delta Electric Association and be made
66 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

