

By: Representatives Brown, Chism, Ellis,  
Roberson, Smith (39th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR.  
2 RODNEY A. PEARSON FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE BOARD FOR THE MISSISSIPPI  
3 DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND FOR HIS MANY  
4 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Rodney A. Pearson, a native of Clarksdale,  
6 Mississippi, graduated from the University of Mississippi and  
7 earned a doctoral degree in Management Information Systems from  
8 Harvard University; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Pearson served on the board for the Mississippi  
10 Department of Information Technology Services (formerly the  
11 Central Data Processing Authority) from 1993 until 2002,  
12 functioning in multiple capacities such as chairman, vice chairman  
13 and as a very active member with consistent attendance at the  
14 board's monthly meetings; and

15 WHEREAS, through his diligence and dedication, Dr. Pearson  
16 has significantly contributed to the appropriate and  
17 cost-effective use of technology throughout state government and  
18 was instrumental in reorganizing the agency from the Central Data  
19 Processing Authority to the Mississippi Department of Information  
20 Technology Services; and

21 WHEREAS, a resident of Starkville, Mississippi, Dr. Pearson  
22 is highly regarded in the information technology field and has  
23 used his expertise by serving as a professor of information  
24 technology in the Department of Management and Information Systems  
25 in the College of Business and Industry at Mississippi State  
26 University since 1987; and

27 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature finds it most  
28 appropriate to pay special tribute to such an outstanding citizen



29 as Dr. Pearson, who has served the citizens of Mississippi by  
30 carrying out his many duties of public service in the field of  
31 information technology and by ensuring that efficient acquisition  
32 and utilization of technology is provided for by all state  
33 agencies of state government:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
35 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
36 THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate Dr. Rodney A. Pearson  
37 for his exceptional service on the board for the Mississippi  
38 Department of Information Technology Services and for his many  
39 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Mississippi.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
41 furnished to Dr. Rodney Pearson and the Capitol Press Corps.

