

By: Representatives Denny, Baker, Barbour, Barnett (92nd), Bowles, Brown, Cameron, Chism, Clarke, Davis, Eads, Eakes, Eaton, Ellington, Fillingane, Fleming, Formby, Frierson, Guice, Hamilton, Holland, Howell, Martinson, McBride, McCoy, Miles, Montgomery (15th), Moody, Moore (60th), Pierce, Robinson (63rd), Rotenberry, Snowden, Stevens, Taylor, Wallace, Warren, Wells-Smith, Whittington, Capps

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. STUART C. IRBY, JR., AND EXPRESSING OUR
3 DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Stuart C. Irby, Jr., a lifelong resident of
5 Jackson, Mississippi, departed this life on Friday, February 21,
6 2003, causing a great loss to his family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, after graduating from Louisiana State University in
8 1948 with a degree in business administration, Mr. Irby continued
9 his education at the Graduate Institute of Internal Studies in
10 Geneva, Switzerland, from 1953 to 1954; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Irby was a loyal patriot to his country having
12 served three years in the United States Army during World War II,
13 where his unit landed at Normandy approximately six days after
14 D-Day and served two years in the European Theater; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1955, Mr. Irby took over as President and
16 Chairman of Irby Construction Company, which was founded by his
17 father, Stuart Chalmers Irby, in 1926; and

18 WHEREAS, under the outstanding leadership of Mr. Irby, Irby
19 Construction Company built power lines in 42 states and completed
20 12 international projects in Asia, Africa and Central America; and

21 WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Irby's expertise and business
22 success allowed the Stuart C. Irby Company to expand to 38
23 branches in nine states; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Irby was a generous and benevolent man, giving
25 much of his time and money to various community organizations and
26 projects; and



27 WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. Irby donated the former Kress building
28 on Capitol Street to Mississippi State University to use for its
29 School of Architecture; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Irby founded the Jackson Enterprise Center, an
31 incubator for new businesses and was inducted into the Mississippi
32 Business Hall of Fame in 1992; and

33 WHEREAS, in 1993, former Governor Kirk Fordice appointed Mr.
34 Irby as the first independent Chairman of the Mississippi Gaming
35 Commission; and

36 WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Irby was actively involved as an
37 investor in the State Times newspaper, an active investor and
38 board member of Deposit Guaranty Bank, a longtime Chairman of
39 French Camp Academy, a founding member of Covenant Presbyterian
40 Church as well as River Hills Club and the Metropolitan Dance
41 Club; and

42 WHEREAS, Mr. Irby is survived by his wife, the former Debbie
43 West; five children, Margaret, Stuart, Charles, Joe and Richard;
44 ten grandchildren and his sister, Beth Milam; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
46 commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Irby, who dedicated
47 his life to industrial development and community service and fine
48 arts projects to benefit all the people of this great state:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
51 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and accomplishments of
52 Mr. Stuart C. Irby, Jr., and express our deepest sympathy to his
53 family and friends upon his passing.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to the family of Mr. Stuart C. Irby, Jr., and to the
56 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

