

By: Representative Guice

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING RUSTY C. DAVID UPON BEING NAMED THE
2 RECIPIENT OF THE 2003 BILLY CREEL TOURISM AWARD.

3 WHEREAS, Rusty David was named the 2003 Billy Creel Tourism
4 Award recipient for his leadership and contributions to the
5 Mississippi coastal community in promoting tourism; and

6 WHEREAS, a visionary with unrivaled energy and enthusiasm,
7 Mr. David arrived in Biloxi, Mississippi, in 1945 as a youth and
8 attended Biloxi High School; and

9 WHEREAS, a lifelong volunteer dedicated to enhancing tourism,
10 economic impact and the overall quality of life for all Biloxi
11 citizens, Mr. David's volunteerism and tireless devotion afforded
12 him the honor of being selected the City of Biloxi's 2003
13 "Volunteer of the Decade," Mississippi's 2000 Tourism Volunteer of
14 the Year and 1999 Outstanding Citizen of the Year; and

15 WHEREAS, his drive and determination to make Biloxi a better
16 place to live, work and play has shaped the Coast's annual
17 traditions such as the Christmas on the Water, the Children's
18 Walking Christmas Parade, the Lighting of the Biloxi Town Green,
19 the Crawfish Festival, Mardi Gras parades, the Ole Biloxi Marching
20 Club, the Ship Island Rendezvous, 4th of July fireworks
21 extravaganza, the Billy Creel Memorial Gulf Coast Wooden Boat
22 Show, the World Championship Offshore Powerboat Races and the
23 Smokin' the Sound; and

24 WHEREAS, a charter member of and key worker in the
25 Mississippi Big Game Fishing Club, which now sponsors three
26 two-day tournaments, Mr. David has been a mainstay in the Gulf
27 Coast Carnival Association, over the years serving as Parade

28 Captain for 20 years, Associate Captain for two years, Captain of
29 Carnival for two years and a Duke for one year; and

30 WHEREAS, a 23-year-veteran employee of Bancorp South where he
31 serves as facilities coordinator, Mr. David is also a diligent
32 member of the Elk's Club, Duck's Unlimited, the Harrison County
33 Tourism Task Force, the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum, the
34 Mississippi Gulf Coast Attractions Association and the Mississippi
35 Billfish Classic, in addition to having involvements in the
36 Mississippi Gulf Coast Fishing Banks, Nathan V. Boddie Research
37 Institute and board member of the Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, a faithful member of Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral, Mr.
40 David has enjoyed the love, support and admiration of his family,
41 including wife, Robin Krohn, and daughters, Carol, Gretchen, Megan
42 and Shelby; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
44 recognize and commend excellence in outstanding Mississippians
45 such as Mr. David, who is the epitome of true volunteerism for the
46 Mississippi Gulf Coast:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
49 commend Mr. Rusty C. David upon being named as the recipient of
50 the 2003 Billy Creel Tourism Award.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
52 furnished to Mr. Rusty C. David and to the members of the Capitol
53 Press Corps.