

By: Representative Davis

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF SHARON LEBSACK FOR HER  
2 MANY YEARS OF CONTRIBUTION AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY  
3 OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI AND CONGRATULATING HER UPON HER  
4 RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, Sharon Lebsack, will retire as an instructor from  
6 the University of Southern Mississippi (USM), after more than 38  
7 years of committed and diligent services to the institution and  
8 its students; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Lebsack earned the bachelor of arts, bachelor of  
10 music and master of music degrees from the University of Northern  
11 Colorado, and has attended master classes with Aurele Nicolet,  
12 Julius Baker and Jean Pierre Rampal; and

13 WHEREAS, since the commencement of her employment at USM in  
14 1966, Ms. Lebsack has taught flute and chamber music, sharing her  
15 adept knowledge and passion for music and learning with all of her  
16 students; and

17 WHEREAS, she has served as principal flutist with orchestras  
18 in Colorado, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida, and presently holds  
19 that position with the Meridian Symphony and the Southerly Winds  
20 Chamber Ensemble; and

21 WHEREAS, also a proficient harpist, she has appeared with the  
22 Pensacola Symphony, Mobile Opera, Mobile Port Symphony and the  
23 Mississippi Opera Association; and

24 WHEREAS, during her illustrious career, Ms. Lebsack, a past  
25 national President of Tau Beta Sigma honorary music society, she  
26 was awarded the Outstanding Service to Music Award in 1978, and  
27 became the first woman initiated into Kappa Kappa Psi, a national  
28 honorary music fraternity; and

29           WHEREAS, active in Music Teachers National Association and  
30 current immediate past President of Mississippi Music Teachers  
31 Association, Ms. Lebsack was one of the featured performers in the  
32 Mississippi Bicentennial Concert in 1976 at the Kennedy Center in  
33 Washington, D.C.; and

34           WHEREAS, her performance credits include PBS broadcasts of  
35 William Grant Still's opera "Bayou Legend" and the Meridian  
36 Symphony, as well as two recordings for Shawnee Press and new  
37 releases of works by American composers; and

38           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
39 recognize and commend excellence of such outstanding  
40 Mississippians as Ms. Lebsack, whose services to the University of  
41 Southern Mississippi were monumental in their own respect and  
42 whose presence will be greatly missed:

43           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
45 commend and congratulate Sharon Lebsack upon her retirement after  
46 38 years of dedicated and exemplary service to the University of  
47 Southern Mississippi, and we extend to her our heartiest wishes  
48 for success in all her future endeavors.

49           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
50 furnished to Sharon Lebsack and to the members of the Capitol  
51 Press Corps.