

By: Representatives Simpson,  
Peranich

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF  
2 DR. JULIUS JOHN "J.J." HAYDEN, JR., OF PASS CHRISTIAN,  
3 MISSISSIPPI, WHO IS CREDITED WITH EXPANDING RURAL PERKINSTON  
4 JUNIOR COLLEGE INTO THE STATE'S FIRST MULTI-CAMPUS JUNIOR COLLEGE,  
5 AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Julius John "J.J." Hayden, Jr.'s career as a  
7 junior college administrator was unprecedented in Mississippi  
8 history; and

9 WHEREAS, "J.J." Hayden, who died Sunday, October 10, 2004, at  
10 age 84, took charge of a small rural junior college with  
11 facilities valued at just over \$1 million and turned it into  
12 Mississippi's first multi-campus institution with a net worth of  
13 more than \$35 million when he retired; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure, the single Mississippi Gulf Coast  
15 Community College installation at Perkinston grew to seven major  
16 facilities, at least one of which was located in each of the four  
17 counties comprising the college's service district - Harrison,  
18 Stone, Jackson and George; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Hayden, a native of Pass Christian, played  
20 football at Harrison-Stone-Jackson Junior College at Perkinston.  
21 Graduating in 1940, he entered military service; he later earned  
22 bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State; and in  
23 1950, he and his wife, Lillian, returned to "Perk"; and

24 WHEREAS, he taught history for two years and in 1952 was  
25 appointed Dean of Men. The following year, at the age of 33, he  
26 became the ninth Chief Executive Officer (the second to hold the  
27 official title of president) of the institution which was then  
28 styled Perkinston Junior College and Agricultural High School; and

29           WHEREAS, World War II caused the growth of Coast towns and  
30 Hayden realized the people of the Coast could not come to Perk for  
31 an education, so Perk would have to establish educational  
32 installations throughout the Gulf Coast to serve them. In early  
33 May 1962, the Legislature established the Mississippi Gulf Coast  
34 Junior College District. This landmark legislation became the  
35 model for the formation of junior college districts throughout the  
36 state; and

37           WHEREAS, the National Education Association (NEA) recognized  
38 Dr. Hayden's efforts in establishing Mississippi's first  
39 multi-campus junior college by naming him the NEA Pacemaker Award  
40 recipient for 1966. The NEA particularly commended Hayden's  
41 efforts on behalf of vocational-technical education; and

42           WHEREAS, when Dr. Hayden became President of Perkinston  
43 Junior College and Agricultural High School in 1953, the single  
44 installation at Perkinston enrolled 473 full-time students and  
45 produced 104 graduates. In the school year preceding Hayden's  
46 retirement on December 31, 1985, the college's seven installations  
47 enrolled 4,511 full-time students and graduated 772. The growth  
48 in facilities has permitted the college to expand its offerings to  
49 include more than 30 university parallel programs, nearly 50  
50 occupational programs, plus adult and continuing education  
51 programs; and

52           WHEREAS, his civic activities included membership on the  
53 Board of Governors for the Southern Association of Colleges and  
54 Schools. He served as President of the Mississippi Education  
55 Association; and

56           WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this  
57 visionary Mississippi educator, who touched the lives of millions  
58 of students and their families:

59           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
60 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
61 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and legacy of Dr.

62 Julius John "J.J." Hayden, Jr., of Pass Christian, Mississippi,  
63 who is credited with expanding rural Perkinston Junior College  
64 into the state's first multi-campus junior college today known as  
65 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, and express to his wife  
66 of 61 years, Lillian Ruth (Aschbacher) Hayden, and his surviving  
67 family the sympathy of the Legislature on his passing.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
69 furnished to the surviving family of Dr. Hayden, the Board of  
70 Trustees of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and to the  
71 Capitol Press Corps.