

By: Representative Akins

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
2 JAMES R. "BOBBY" RAYBURN DURING HIS PRESIDENCY OF THE NATIONAL
3 ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS.

4 WHEREAS, Mississippi home builder, James R. "Bobby" Rayburn,
5 has successfully championed the cause of the workforce and
6 affordable housing throughout his 34-year career and as President
7 of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in 2004; and

8 WHEREAS, he has focused the efforts of the 215,000 members of
9 the NAHB on improving housing affordability and expanding housing
10 opportunities for millions of working families, particularly
11 teachers, police officers, fire fighters and other moderate income
12 workers who are the heartbeat of any community; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Rayburn has personally lobbied Congress and the
14 administration in this regard, organized media events and spoken
15 in hundreds of venues to expand public awareness of the issue
16 nationwide; and

17 WHEREAS, having earned statewide acclaim and the highest
18 regard of his colleagues through his service in a variety of
19 industry leadership positions, including president of his state
20 and local home builder associations, Mr. Rayburn was named Builder
21 of the Year by the Hattiesburg Home Builders Association in 1979
22 and was elected to the Mississippi Housing Hall of Fame in 1999;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, in the course of his career he has personally been
25 involved in building and developing more than 3,300 single-family
26 and multifamily homes for working families across the State of
27 Mississippi; and

28 WHEREAS, having served as president of the local chapter of
29 the American Cancer Society, cofounded the Home Builders
30 Association of Mississippi's student chapter, and served on the
31 board of the local chamber of commerce, he has been an active and
32 dedicated servant of his community; and

33 WHEREAS, as NAHB president he has led the industry that has
34 been a primary engine for economic growth and stability throughout
35 the recent recovery, with all-time records for new home sales and
36 homeownership achieved on his watch; and

37 WHEREAS, in all the capacities above, Mr. Rayburn has had a
38 positive impact on the national, state and local economy, boosting
39 job growth and a sense of pride in Mississippi and across the
40 nation; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
42 commend excellence in outstanding Mississippians such as Mr.
43 Rayburn, whose diligent service as President of the National
44 Association of Home Builders has been monumental in changing the
45 lives of countless thousands across this state and nation:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
48 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate James R.
49 "Bobby" Rayburn for his extraordinary efforts to improve housing
50 and homeownership opportunities for working families throughout
51 his 34-year building career and his term as President of the
52 National Association of Home Builders in 2004 and extend our
53 heartiest wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

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