

By: Representatives Upshaw, Compretta, Rotenberry, Gunn, Baker (74th), Broomfield, Carlton, Clark, Fredericks, Moak, Moss, Peranich, Read, Reynolds, Simpson, Smith (39th), Snowden, Watson, Zuber, Bentz, Scott, Ishee

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 113

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER
2 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE HONORABLE DAN M. RUSSELL, JR., UNITED
3 STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
4 MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, the Honorable Dan M. Russell, Jr., United States
6 District Court Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, a
7 giant of a man in the judicial system of Mississippi and the
8 United States, is a highly accomplished individual whose knowledge
9 and wisdom was gained from his many years in the legal profession
10 and serving on the bench; and

11 WHEREAS, born March 15, 1913, in Magee, Mississippi, Judge
12 Russell graduated from Gulfport High School and attended the
13 University of Mississippi where he received his bachelor of arts
14 and doctor of law degrees in 1935 and 1937, respectively; and

15 WHEREAS, admitted to practice in the State Chancery and
16 Circuit Courts, United States Federal District Court, Mississippi
17 Supreme Court, United States Circuit Court of Appeals and the
18 Internal Revenue Service, Judge Russell, a World War II veteran
19 with United States Naval Intelligence and a Lieutenant Commander
20 in the United States Naval Reserve, commenced his practice of law
21 as a sole practitioner in 1938 before joining with Sam L. Favre in
22 1952 with the firm of Russell and Favre; and

23 WHEREAS, Judge Russell was appointed United States District
24 Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi on October 2, 1965,
25 then served as Chief Judge from June 23, 1971, until October 25,
26 1983, where he has continued to serve as a Senior Judge; and

27 WHEREAS, as a federal judge during the Civil Rights days,
28 Judge Russell tried numerous, prominent civil and criminal cases,

29 including 48 school integration cases in Mississippi, Texas and
30 Alabama; and

31 WHEREAS, having taken a prominent role in the Gulf Coast
32 community, Judge Russell has been affiliated with the Hancock
33 County Chamber of Commerce, Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, Mississippi
34 Coastal Council Chamber of Commerce, American Society for Legal
35 History, Inc., State of Mississippi Oil and Gas Board, Hancock
36 Civic Action Association, Inc., Hancock County Bar Association,
37 Mississippi State Bar Association and First Baptist Church of Bay
38 St. Louis, where he is men's Bible class teacher and a lifetime
39 deacon; and

40 WHEREAS, during the 37 plus years Judge Russell has sat on
41 the federal bench, he has accumulated many honors and
42 recognitions, including having the Federal Building and United
43 States Courthouse in Gulfport, Mississippi, named for him by the
44 107th Congress of the United States, in addition to being honored
45 as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary
46 International, presented the "Founder's Day" Award by the Gulfport
47 Rotary Club, WLOX "Person of the Week," and recipient of the
48 United States Supreme Court Justice Scalia Award; and

49 WHEREAS, throughout his judicial career, Judge Russell has
50 constantly enjoyed the love, support and encouragement of his
51 wife, the former Dorothy Tudury and their three children, Ronald
52 Truett Russell, Dorothy Dale James and Richard Brian Russell; and

53 WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature wish to express their
54 sincere appreciation to Judge Russell for his dedicated service to
55 the people of the State of Mississippi and the United States of
56 America:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby
59 commend the Honorable Dan M. Russell, Jr., United States District
60 Court Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi for
61 distinguished career accomplishments and for his many

62 contributions to the people of the State of Mississippi and
63 express our heartiest wishes for continued success, peace and good
64 health in the future.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
66 furnished to Judge Dan M. Russell, Jr., and to the members of the
67 Capitol Press Corps.