

By: Representatives Robinson (63rd), Fleming To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 75

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE  
2 JUDGE IVORY E. BRITTON ON BEING SELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL  
3 JUDGES ASSOCIATION.

4 WHEREAS, the Honorable Ivory E. Britton, Hinds County Justice  
5 Court Judge of District 2, was elected to the office of President  
6 of the National Judges Association on May 20, 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, born January 9, 1947, in Jackson, Mississippi, Judge  
8 Britton attended Jackson Public Schools and graduated from  
9 Brinkley High School before matriculating at Draughons' Business  
10 College, where he earned a business accounting degree; and

11 WHEREAS, a former Hinds County Deputy Sheriff and the  
12 department's first black communications officer, Judge Britton was  
13 elected to the Justice Court on November 16, 1993, becoming the  
14 first Brinkley High School graduate to become an elected public  
15 official; and

16 WHEREAS, having attended National Judicial College in Reno,  
17 Nevada, after being elected, Judge Britton was appointed Municipal  
18 Judge in the Town of Edwards in January 2001; and

19 WHEREAS, active in community and civic affairs, Judge Britton  
20 is a member of the NAACP, Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
21 (SCLC), charter member of the Jackson Chapter of SCLC and member  
22 of the Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a  
23 Sunday School teacher; and

24 WHEREAS, having a deep passion for the plight of the city and  
25 state's youth, Judge Britton has worked with Walton Elementary  
26 School under the Adopt-a-School Program, the City of Jackson's  
27 After-School Program at the Medgar Evers Center in the Virden

28 Addition Neighborhood and the City of Jackson Park and Recreation  
29 Department's Summer Youth Program; and

30 WHEREAS, for his distinguished and committed community  
31 service, Judge Britton has received numerous honors from civic  
32 groups, various churches and the City of Jackson, including:  
33 certificates of appreciation from Hope Springs and Society Ridge  
34 Missionary Baptist Churches, awards of commendation for  
35 contributions to the City of Jackson's Youth Program and a  
36 commendation from Congressman Bennie Thompson as an "Outstanding  
37 Leader in the Community" for his work with the McClean Volunteer  
38 Fire Department; and

39 WHEREAS, throughout the triumphs and trials of his career,  
40 Judge Britton has received constant support and encouragement from  
41 his wife, Liza; and children, Perry, Tabitha and late son, Dexter;  
42 and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
44 recognize and commend excellence in the accomplishments of our  
45 local, state and national leaders, as evidenced by the success of  
46 Judge Britton:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
49 commend and congratulate Judge Ivory E. Britton upon his election  
50 as President of the National Judges Association and extend our  
51 most heartfelt wishes for continued success in all his future  
52 endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
54 furnished to Judge Ivory E. Britton and to the members of the  
55 Capitol Press Corps.