

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 83

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. E. HOWARD  
2 EATON AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, the departure of Mr. E. Howard Eaton from this life  
5 on September 25, 2005, caused the community of Taylorsville,  
6 Mississippi, and Smith County to suffer the great loss of a fine  
7 man from within the community; and

8 WHEREAS, he was born on May 7, 1937, to Elaine Ford Eaton and  
9 the late Blaine H. Eaton; and

10 WHEREAS, his life was shared with a loving wife, Jimmie King  
11 Eaton, for 47 years; and

12 WHEREAS, to this beautiful union three children were born:  
13 Lisa Eaton McMahon, Katie Eaton Herrington and the Honorable  
14 Representative Blaine H. (Bo) Eaton II; and

15 WHEREAS, to cherish his wonderful memory, Mr. Eaton leaves  
16 seven grandchildren: Ashlin Eaton McMahon, James Howard McMahon  
17 III, John Haskin McMahon, Kellie Eaton Herrington, Blaine H. Eaton  
18 III (Tripp), Allie Elaine Eaton and Howard Ford Eaton; and three  
19 sisters, Suzanne E. Jordan, Sally E. Wooten and Ellie E. McMorris;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Eaton served in the Army National Guard 785th  
22 3rd Platoon Transportation Company from 1955-1961 and was a  
23 graduate of Mississippi State University and Louisiana State  
24 University School of Banking and received his juris doctorate  
25 degree in 1972 from the Jackson School of Law; and

26 WHEREAS, he practiced law until his death and held a number  
27 of positions for Taylorsville, Mississippi, such as, attorney for

28 Taylorsville, Youth Court Referee for the Thirteenth Chancery  
29 District from 1990-1994, and attorney for the Smith County Board  
30 of Supervisors for 17 years; and

31 WHEREAS, not only did he practice law, he was an avid  
32 sportsman and forest land owner; and

33 WHEREAS, while serving as Vice President of Smith County Bank  
34 from 1951-1969, and a member of the Taylorsville Industrial  
35 Development Corporation, Mr. Eaton was instrumental in the  
36 economic expansion in Taylorsville, including bringing such  
37 companies as Georgia Pacific Corporation, Taylorsville  
38 Manufacturing, Automatic Plating and Solar Hardware to the area;  
39 and

40 WHEREAS, always one to serve the community, he served on the  
41 State and County Democratic Executive Committee, Taylorsville  
42 Lions Club, Rotary Club, Hiram Lodge 349 F&AM and a charter member  
43 of the Taylorsville Volunteer Fire Department; and

44 WHEREAS, being a man of faith, he was a member of the First  
45 Baptist Church of Taylorsville for over 50 years, where he served  
46 as a deacon, senior men's Sunday School teacher and trustee; and

47 WHEREAS, as a loved and appreciated friend of the New  
48 Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, he was honored on June 9,  
49 2000, for his then 45 years of friendship and service to the  
50 church and its individual members; and

51 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his brother, Mark H.  
52 Eaton; and

53 WHEREAS, Mr. Eaton was a well-loved and respected man of  
54 Taylorsville, Mississippi, and Smith County, who will be missed by  
55 a host of friends; and

56 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
57 recognize outstanding citizens such as Mr. Howard Eaton:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
59 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby

60 commend the life and legacy of Mr. E. Howard Eaton and express our  
61 deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
63 furnished to the family of Mr. E. Howard Eaton and to the members  
64 of the Capitol Press Corps.