

By: Senator(s) White, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 519

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AWARD-WINNING HOUSING
2 DEVELOPER J.E. CARTER OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE OCCASION OF
3 HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY.

4 WHEREAS, J.E. Carter's 90th birthday on September 19, 2005,
5 was more than just a milestone of longevity. It also marked 60
6 years as an award-winning developer, homebuilder and realtor with
7 a reputation for quality and excellence; and

8 WHEREAS, Carter, who was born in Texas, began building homes
9 out of necessity. After getting out of the Air Force in 1945, and
10 being newly married, he was seeking a home in the Pearl,
11 Mississippi, area. He took his housing situation into his own
12 hands, bought three acres of land for \$750.00, then built and sold
13 his first home. He sold it at a profit, bought more land, built
14 another home and found himself in the building business; and

15 WHEREAS, his developments in Jackson include Heatherwood,
16 East Manor and Briarcliff. He came to Clinton in 1970, saw an
17 opportunity, and his first development in Clinton was Huntcliff,
18 followed by Cascades. He has built over 700 homes in Clinton; and

19 WHEREAS, he has received numerous awards during his career.
20 This year he was inducted into the Mississippi Housing Hall of
21 Fame, the highest honor given by the Home Builders Association of
22 Mississippi; and

23 WHEREAS, Carter has been recognized for his land use and
24 environmentally friendly developments, including the Cascades, one
25 of the first planned unit developments in Mississippi; and

26 WHEREAS, Carter was the first Mississippian to receive the
27 Sterling Hammer Award for the best house plan under 1,200 square

28 feet in the United States from the National Association of Home
29 Builders in 1956; and

30 WHEREAS, in 2000, at the age of 85, Carter was honored as one
31 of the nation's oldest workers by Experience Works, a national,
32 nonprofit organization that provides training and employment
33 services for mature workers; and

34 WHEREAS, Carter continues to personally supervise all of the
35 construction and land development for his homes. At age 90, his
36 work ethic is the same. Carter feels blessed with his longevity.
37 He grew up in the Great Depression on a farm. He started work
38 when he was 15 years old. From farm work, he went into sales
39 commission work, and in 1942 enlisted in the Army Air Corps to be
40 a pilot. Due to his vision he did not qualify and instead he
41 became an officer in the administration field; and

42 WHEREAS, not only has he provided quality housing, he has
43 been a tremendous economic generator and civic leader; and

44 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we note this landmark
45 event in the life of an individual whose name is synonymous with
46 economic development and civic pride in one of Mississippi's
47 leading communities:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
50 we do hereby commend award-winning housing developer J.E. Carter
51 of Clinton, Mississippi, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, and
52 extend to him and his family the best wishes of the Legislature.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 J.E. Carter and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.