

By: Representatives Rotenberry, Hudson,  
Moore, Warren, Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 85

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. CHARLES MAYO FOR HIS  
2 SERVICE TO HIS FELLOWMAN, DEFENSE OF OUR COUNTRY AND CONTRIBUTIONS  
3 TO IMPROVE EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS THROUGHOUT MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Mayo has persevered through war, was  
5 disciplined by it, went on to create a useful life and has  
6 contributed to the America we live in today as an education  
7 professional who has dedicated many years of service to  
8 Mississippi's children; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Mayo hails from a generation that Tom Brokaw's  
10 famous book refers to as "The Greatest Generation"; and

11 WHEREAS, a child of the South, Mr. Mayo graduated from  
12 Puckett High School in 1937 and went on to attend Jones Junior  
13 College for two years before attending and graduating from  
14 Mississippi State University in 1941 with an education degree in  
15 agriculture; and

16 WHEREAS, driven by a desire to serve and protect his  
17 fellowman, Mr. Mayo began basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky,  
18 in June 1941 and continued his training at Fort Benning, Georgia,  
19 and Camp Gordon in Augusta, Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, he entered the European Theatre with the 10th  
21 Armored Division and served as Operations Sergeant in the Armored  
22 Artillery Battalion; and

23 WHEREAS, during his tour of duty, he was awarded three battle  
24 stars which included the Battle of the Buldge in Belgium and  
25 Luxembourg and the Bronze Star for meritorious service; and

26 WHEREAS, after being honorably discharged in 1945, his life  
27 reached new heights when he began his education career and service

28 to students in Polkville, Mississippi, and in December 1945,  
29 married Odelle Searcy; and

30 WHEREAS, after teaching in Polkville, he went on to teach in  
31 Taylorsville and Southwest Junior College in Summit; and

32 WHEREAS, his career in education continued to excel in 1951,  
33 when he was promoted to principal in Morton, after teaching  
34 agriculture for only two years in the city; and

35 WHEREAS, always motivated to reach a higher level of  
36 academia, Mr. Mayo completed his master of education degree from  
37 Mississippi State University which enabled him to be promoted as  
38 an administrator in Mendenhall from 1956 to 1966, in Crystal  
39 Springs from 1966 to 1972 and in Raleigh from 1972 to 1978; and

40 WHEREAS, because of his dedicated service to students, he has  
41 been awarded various honors and recognitions for his contributions  
42 to the improvement of education; and

43 WHEREAS, he has been supported in his endeavors by his wife,  
44 Odelle; two daughters, Charley Sue and Janet; and three  
45 grandchildren, Leslie and Lindsey Fletcher, and Tineka Sills; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the  
47 outstanding contributions of our honored veterans who have become  
48 advocates for the education of our children:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE  
50 OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
51 we do hereby commend Mr. Charles Mayo for his service to his  
52 fellowman, defense of our country and contributions to improve  
53 education for students throughout Mississippi.

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