

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

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 107

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. LLOYD FRANKLIN
2 STEPHENS, JR., FOR BEING CHOSEN AS THE 2006 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF
3 THE YEAR BY THE CITY OF MENDENHALL, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, the City of Mendenhall, Mississippi, honored Mr.
5 Lloyd Franklin Stephens, Jr., by choosing him as their 2006
6 Outstanding Citizen; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Stephens was born to Lloyd Franklin Stephens and
8 Mary Louise Beech Stephens on September 6, 1926; and

9 WHEREAS, as a homegrown fellow, he graduated from Mendenhall
10 High School, where he was the Drum Major for the Tiger Band; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1944, he became a student at Hinds Junior
12 College, where he utilized his Drum Major skills to become the
13 Drum Major for Hinds Junior College Band and also played 1st
14 clarinet, which gained him an "Excellent" score at the State Music
15 Contest for playing "The Flight of the Bumble Bee"; and

16 WHEREAS, driven by a desire to serve his country, Mr.
17 Stephens served in the United States Army from 1945 to 1947 as
18 Private 1st Class in the Philippines; and

19 WHEREAS, after returning from the army at the age of 22, he
20 bought his father's store, Stephen's Mercantile Company, and for
21 the past 58 years has been the sole proprietor of Lloyd's Style
22 Shop, Stephen's Squire Shop and Stephens of Mendenhall; and

23 WHEREAS, due to his business acumen, he has served as
24 President of the Mendenhall Chamber of Commerce and for the past
25 six years, has served on the Mississippi Retail Merchants Board of
26 Directors; and

27 WHEREAS, as a man of faith and conviction, Mr. Stephens is an
28 active member of Mendenhall First Baptist Church, where he has
29 served as Chairman of the Deacons, Director of Sunday School,
30 Chairman of the Pastor Search Committees and various other
31 committees; and

32 WHEREAS, he is lovingly supported in his many endeavors by
33 his wife, Kathleen, whom he married on August 15, 1948; and

34 WHEREAS, to this beautiful union, three children were born,
35 Karen Lee Stephens Milling, Christy Ann Stephens Rotenberry and
36 Mary Louise Stephens King; and four grandchildren, Jennifer
37 Christine Rotenberry, Rebecca Kathleen Rotenberry, Natalie Jane
38 Rotenberry and Matthew Stephen King; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend
40 outstanding Mississippi citizens, who contribute to the economic
41 development of their community and improve the lives of their
42 neighbors:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
45 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mr. Lloyd Franklin Stephens,
46 Jr., for being chosen as the 2006 Outstanding Citizen of the Year
47 by the City of Mendenhall, Mississippi.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
49 furnished to Mr. Lloyd Stephens, Jr., and to the members of the
50 Capitol Press Corps.