

By: Representative Aldridge

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COCA-COLA BOTTLING
2 WORKS OF CORINTH ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

3 WHEREAS, April 30, 2007, marks the 100th anniversary
4 celebration of Coca-Cola Bottling Works of Corinth, which was
5 formed and licensed by Coca-Cola Bottling Co. (Thomas), Inc., on
6 April 30, 1907; and

7 WHEREAS, the history of Coca-Cola Bottling Works of Corinth
8 began in 1905 when Mr. Avon Kenneth Weaver bought an interest in
9 Corinth (Mississippi) Bottling Works, a small soda water plant
10 owned by Mr. C.C. Clark, at a time when Coca-Cola was being
11 produced in Jackson, Tennessee, and shipped to Corinth by railcar;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver and Mr. Clark, determined to obtain a
14 Coca-Cola franchise for North Mississippi, and while awaiting
15 developments in Corinth, were granted a license for Coca-Cola in
16 New Albany, Mississippi; and

17 WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings with four employees
18 washing and filling bottles by hand and capping each with a foot
19 powered machine, the Corinth establishment progressed through the
20 years to see many changes and several moves: from the "Old Gas
21 House" in downtown Corinth to 608 Cruise Street, then to its own
22 building at 403 Waldron Street in 1909, where it underwent several
23 expansions, before finding its permanent home at 601 Washington
24 Street in 1949, and rebuilt in 1964; and

25 WHEREAS, Coca-Cola Bottling Works of Corinth has evolved into
26 a modern industry, expanding its operations considerably with the

27 acquisitions of Dr. Pepper in 1969, Tupelo Coca-Cola in 1977 and
28 Lexington, Tennessee, in 1985; and

29 WHEREAS, in 1962 the company entered the realm of food
30 vending, establishing an operation now known as Refreshments,
31 Inc., which saw expansions in Jackson, Tennessee, in 1990 and
32 Tupelo, Mississippi, in 2000, becoming a formidable competitor on
33 a regional basis; and

34 WHEREAS, nothing speaks more to the history of Coca-Cola
35 Bottling Works of Corinth and could not be more outstanding than
36 the many people who have contributed to its success: its loyal
37 customers, retail customers, members of management, salesmen and
38 workers at every level of employment, who have all added to the
39 company's legacy; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
41 recognize and commend the excellence of such companies as
42 Coca-Cola Bottling Works of Corinth, whose legacy has been shared
43 by four generations of the Avon Kenneth Weaver family, and whose
44 pride in the past and an overwhelming optimism for the future
45 coupled with an even greater determination inspire them to look
46 forward to another century of service:

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 Coca-Cola Bottling Works of Corinth on
50 the occasion of its 100th anniversary celebration and express our
51 wishes for continued success in all of its future endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
53 furnished to Coca-Cola Bottling Works of Corinth and to the
54 members of the Capitol Press Corps.