

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 121

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE JAMES (J.B.) MARKHAM
2 FOR HIS LEGISLATIVE LEGACY AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON THE
3 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES.

5 WHEREAS, Representative James (J.B.) Markham, an honored and
6 cherished member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, will
7 make the 2007 legislative year his last when he retires; and

8 WHEREAS, the Honorable James (J.B.) Markham, began his
9 legislative service in 1997 after edging out a field of 14
10 candidates by the citizens of District 20, which is composed of
11 parts of Lowndes and Monroe Counties; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Markham has utilized the wisdom and
13 experience that he has accrued over the years to guide him in his
14 duties as Vice Chairman of Military Affairs, and currently serves
15 the House as a committee member of Appropriations, County Affairs,
16 Education, Apportionment and Elections, Oil, Gas and Other
17 Minerals and the Joint Legislative Committee on Redistricting; and

18 WHEREAS, born March 11, 1946, in Amory, Mississippi,
19 Representative James (J.B.) Markham grew up on a farm in the
20 Splunge Community; after graduating from Smithville High School,
21 he attended Itawamba Community College and Mississippi State
22 University, where he obtained bachelor of science and master of
23 education degrees before teaching three years at Smithville High
24 School and working in school administration in the Monroe County
25 School District for 26 years; and

26 WHEREAS, serving in numerous organizations, Representative
27 Markham is an active member of Farm Bureau, member of Monroe

28 County and State Educator's Organizations, United Way of Greater
29 Monroe County and Splunge Rural Community Development Club; and

30 WHEREAS, an active member of St. Andrew's United Methodist
31 Church in Amory, Representative Markham serves on the
32 Administrative Board, Pastor Parish Committee and as a Sunday
33 School Teacher; and

34 WHEREAS, Representative Markham is a strong man of faith, who
35 has been lovingly supported by his family: wife of 37 years,
36 Diane Plunkett Markham (deceased); children, Tamara, Jeffrey,
37 Justin and Traci; and four grandchildren; and

38 WHEREAS, Representative Markham's congenial nature,
39 constructive attitude and forthright manner have had a positive
40 influence on all those who have had the pleasure of working with
41 this highly respected member of the House; and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
43 honor one of our own, who has represented his district as well as
44 this legislative body with honor and dignity:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
47 commend Representative James (J.B.) Markham for his legislative
48 legacy and congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement
49 from the Mississippi House of Representatives.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
51 furnished to Representative James (J.B.) Markham, and to the
52 members of the Capitol Press Corps.