

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE CARMEN WELLS-SMITH FOR
2 HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND CONGRATULATING HER UPON
3 THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Representative Carmen Wells-Smith is retiring from
5 the Mississippi House of Representatives after her 2007
6 legislative term; and

7 WHEREAS, she has faithfully served the citizens of District
8 111, which includes Jackson County, since 1993; and

9 WHEREAS, during her 14 years of service for her district, she
10 has utilized the wisdom and experience that she has accrued to
11 guide her in creating change for her district as well as the
12 state; and

13 WHEREAS, she currently serves as Vice Chairman of the
14 Juvenile Justice Committee, and as a member of the Ethics, Marine
15 Resources, Oil, Gas and Other Minerals, Public Health and Human
16 Services, Public Utilities and Ways and Means Committees; and

17 WHEREAS, born on November 4, 1966, in Pascagoula,
18 Mississippi, she attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
19 before attending Millsaps College and earning a bachelor of
20 business administration and a master of business administration
21 from the University of South Alabama; and

22 WHEREAS, she has been lovingly supported in executing her
23 legislative duties by her husband, Parker, and their two children,
24 Caleb and Preston Ray; and

25 WHEREAS, her congenial spirit and forthright manner have been
26 assets to her fellow legislators and are characteristics that will
27 be missed; and

28 WHEREAS, she is an active member of the Baptist faith and
29 gives of her time as a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of
30 Commerce, WZZJ Christian Radio, the Mississippi Arts Fair for the
31 Handicapped, and the Jackson County Republican Women; and

32 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
33 recognize the legislative leadership and dedicated service of one
34 of our own:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
36 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
37 commend Representative Carmen Wells-Smith for her many years of
38 dedicated service and congratulate her upon the occasion of her
39 retirement.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
41 furnished to Representative Carmen Wells-Smith and to the members
42 of the Capitol Press Corps.