

By: Representative Snowden

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 HONORABLE JUDGE TOBEY BARTEE UPON BEING NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE
3 NATIONAL JUDGES ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2014 TERM.

4 WHEREAS, during the annual fall meeting of the National
5 Judges Association Council of State Representatives, which
6 commenced on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, in Gettysburg,
7 Pennsylvania, the Honorable Tobey Bartee, Justice Court Judge of
8 Quitman, Mississippi, was elected to the office of President of
9 the National Judges Association (NJA); and

10 WHEREAS, born in DeRidder, Louisiana, to Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt
11 Bartee, Jr., Judge Bartee has lived in Quitman, Mississippi, since
12 he was five years old, and in 1981 graduated from Quitman High
13 School where he served as a drum captain in the school's
14 all-superior band; and

15 WHEREAS, the youngest and first African-American judge to
16 serve in Clarke County at the time of his election, Judge Bartee
17 currently serves as City Judge for the Town of Shubuta,
18 Mississippi, an office he has held for the past eight years,

19 serves as the Pro Tempore Judge for the Town of Quitman, and has
20 been a Clarke County Justice Court Judge for the past 18 years;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Judge Bartee was privileged to represent NJA by
23 attending a symposium in Philadelphia in April of 2013 to
24 participate in the National Judicial College's 50th Anniversary
25 Civility Symposium, in which he was commended by NJC President
26 William Dressel for his invaluable input on civility; and

27 WHEREAS, as President of NJA, Judge Bartee has established
28 the goal of making nonattorney judges realize the value of their
29 contributions to the judiciary, and to draw national attention as
30 to the number of like judges existing to form the foundation upon
31 which the full judiciary sits; and

32 WHEREAS, having dreamed of becoming a judge since childhood,
33 to right the wrongs of the early courts that disenfranchised
34 litigants because of their social, financial or ethnic background,
35 Judge Bartee's inspiration for social equality stemmed from the
36 philosophical ideologies and legacies of Dr. Martin Luther King,
37 Jr., and President John F. Kennedy; and

38 WHEREAS, for 25 years Judge Bartee shared the joys of life
39 with his first wife, Hilda Gail Bartee, and two sons, Delunzo and
40 Lance, until her life was summoned for appearance before the
41 Heaven's Magistrate in 2007; and

42 WHEREAS, the widower judge once again experienced the
43 enthrallment of love's grandeur when he met and subsequently



44 married Master Sergeant Lynnita Maire Bartee, and together they
45 are the proud parents of three daughters, Kaila, Toni and Lawsyn;
46 and

47 WHEREAS, quite the outgoing individual, in addition to his
48 full-time employment as the President of Outreach Health Services,
49 a medical corporation, he also serves as Vice President of the
50 Mississippi Tobacco Coalition for three counties, devotes his
51 spare time as a contributing writer for *The Christian News*, has
52 served as Sunday School superintendent of his church for the past
53 25 years, serves on the Board of Directors for the Clarke County
54 4-H and as a member of the Clarke County Emergency Management
55 Team; and

56 WHEREAS, founded in 1979 by judges dedicated to the promotion
57 of the interests of all nonattorney judges, the mission of the
58 National Judges Association is to preserve the existence of the
59 nonattorney judge and to foster improved performance of the
60 traditional duties of nonattorney judges; and

61 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
62 and commend excellence of members of the judiciary who demonstrate
63 the professionalism and civility in justice, such as in the
64 administration and presiding of Judge Bartee, whose zealous
65 judicial decorum remains both fair and firm:

66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
67 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
68 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Honorable



69 Judge Tobey Bartee upon being named President of the National
70 Judges Association for the 2014 term, and extend most sincere
71 wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
73 furnished to Judge Tobey Bartee and to the members of the Capitol
74 Press Corps.

