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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER AND MERITORIOUS LEADERSHIP OF MR. CALVIN WALKER AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JACKSON BOYS CLUB.

WHEREAS, during his service as the Executive Director of the Jackson Boys Club from 1948 until 1993, Mr. Calvin Walker inspired and enabled all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens; and

WHEREAS, before graduating from Mississippi College in 1951 with a business degree, when relations between the United States and the hostile Axis powers diminished and tensions ran high, causing Lady Liberty to engage the fanatical regime in World War II, Mr. Walker joined the ranks of an elect fraternity of soldiers in the United States Air Force who patriotically risked their lives to protect the freedoms all Americans enjoy; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 45 years of service to the Jackson Boys Club, Mr. Walker led by example, building character and

leadership skills, health and life skills, career and education skills and sports and fitness skills; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, under the zealous and competent leadership of Mr. Walker, the club on Capitol Street was opened to give even more children the opportunity to participate in the life-changing programs, eventually serving hundreds of kids, and to encourage athletics as well as academics, the club installed a swimming pool and a baseball and football field; and

WHEREAS, after the Jackson Boys Club received a generous donation from John I. Hay in 1961, Mr. Walker oversaw the construction of a summer camping program on 320 acres in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, which is still opened today, and each year, more than 1,200 boys and girls, many of whom rarely have an opportunity to leave their urban setting, experience the great outdoors and revolutionize their senses with the melodic sound of a canoe gliding down a rippling creek, the breeze felt when the mighty Mississippi oaks sway during a late afternoon hike and the sweet fragrance of roasting marshmallows lofting around a crackling campfire; and

WHEREAS, to provide an even larger number of children with the care and attention they so rightfully deserve, in 1972, the Jackson Boys Club's nomenclature was changed to the Metropolitan Jackson, Mississippi Boys and Girls Club, Inc., reflecting the organization's expansion into a multi-unit operation and opened additional branches, including, in 1985, the Calvin L. Walker Club

on Raymond Road in Southwest Jackson, which was so named to bring recognition and honor to the dedicated service Mr. Walker provided to the Jackson Boys Club; and

WHEREAS, while many high school, college, and later, professional athletes began their successful athletic careers at the several Jackson Boys Clubs, because of Mr. Walker's relentless efforts to positively influence the youth in his community, fifty-seven percent of the alumni credit the club for saving their lives and sixty-one percent experienced an increased commitment to their education as a result of their membership in the club; and

WHEREAS, disguising learning as fun since 1936, the several Jackson Boys Clubs have encouraged young people to make smart decisions and become successful, responsible citizens, and today, trained, caring, professional staff and volunteers benefit and support thousands of boys and girls, at risk and in need, by helping them take control of their lives, envision productive futures and reach their goals, just as Mr. Walker did every day during his outstanding 45 years of service; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Walker was lovingly supported by his wife, Rosie James, whom he married in December 1946, and with whom he built their wonderful family: one son, James Walker, one daughter, Alice Walker, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his extraordinary career with the Jackson Boys Club, Mr. Walker is a committed member of Ridgecrest

Baptist Church, which is indicative of the remarkable care he exerted when performing his duties and responsibilities as an exemplary public servant to the citizens of this great Magnolia State, and his knowledge, skill and strenuous laboriousness were cherished dearly by all of his colleagues and others who were lucky enough to have the opportunity to work with him and experience his greatness; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize and commend the tireless devotion to the betterment of Mississippi and honor the ardent vow to impeccable leadership that Mr. Calvin Walker bestowed upon the youth of Mississippi as the Executive Director of the Jackson Boys Club:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the distinguished career and meritorious leadership of Mr. Calvin Walker as the Executive Director of the Jackson Boys Club and extend to him our most sincere wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be

furnished to Mr. Calvin Walker and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
March 18, 2015



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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE  
March 24, 2015



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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE