

By: Representative Sanford

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. TED
2 PARKER UPON BEING NAMED THE 2019 SWISHER SWEETS/SUNBELT AG EXPO
3 SOUTHEASTERN FARMER OF THE YEAR FOR MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Ted Parker of Seminary, Mississippi, has been named
5 the 2019 Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Ag Expo Southeastern Farmer of the
6 Year for Mississippi, a true testament of his dedication to the
7 farming industry; and

8 WHEREAS, at the young age of 18, Mr. Parker borrowed money to
9 buy 20 yearlings, paid that money back, and bought 30 yearlings
10 the next year, and now, after 40 years as a farmer, his 30
11 yearlings have flourished into seven farms in six Mississippi
12 counties, along with grazing locations across the Southeast and in
13 the Midwest; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Parker weight gains cattle, purchasing
15 lightweight calves weighing between 250 and 500 pounds and growing
16 them to feedlot-quality, 700 to 800 pound heifers and steers, and
17 he credits his successful business sense to the time he spent
18 working as a runner on the floor of the Chicago Mercantile



19 Exchange in 1982, an experience that allowed him to learn the
20 ropes and helped him further his business; and

21 WHEREAS, after he returned home from Chicago, Mr. Parker
22 built his herd to 125 head, steadily growing his operation on
23 rented land before buying a 250-acre parcel located 12 miles north
24 of where he grew up, in Covington County, Mississippi, and now he
25 operates properties in Greene, Hinds, Covington, Lawrence, Pearl
26 River and Jones Counties, as well as buying stations in Covington
27 and Pearl River Counties; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Parker and his wife received this award not
29 only because of his success in the beef cattle industry, but also
30 because of their service in a variety of local and state
31 organizations, including the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association,
32 Mississippi Farm Bureau, Mississippi Beef Council and the National
33 Cattlemen's Beef Association; and

34 WHEREAS, in addition to their civic and community
35 engagements, the Parkers have always been considered successful
36 stocker producers by their colleagues in the industry, but it is
37 their dedication to the beef industry, their fervent desire to
38 help those in need and their selfless willingness to share their
39 vast knowledge of the beef industry with others that truly makes
40 them so deserving of the Farmer of the Year title; and

41 WHEREAS, another key to his successful farming career has
42 been his strong support system, including his wonderful employees,
43 his son Gent, who is in charge of all the trucking and shipping of



44 cattle and helps manage the grow yard in Edwards, Mississippi; his
45 son Carl, who operates the cattle buying station and manages the
46 Seminary Farm; and his loving wife of 32 years, Janet, who
47 supported the family on just her income in the beginning stages of
48 the operation but has been the overseer of the business end of the
49 cattle operation for the last 20 years; and

50 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
51 and honor the accomplishments of and tremendous contributions made
52 to the agricultural industry and to the State of Mississippi by
53 individuals such as Mr. Ted Parker:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
56 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Ted Parker
57 upon being named the 2019 Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Ag Expo
58 Southeastern Farmer of the Year for Mississippi and extend our
59 sincerest blessings for continued success in all of his future
60 endeavors.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
62 furnished to Mr. Ted Parker and to the members of the Capitol
63 Press Corps.

