

By: Representative Watson

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95  
(As Adopted by House)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MS. SARAH  
2 HARRIS RUFFIN AND EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY  
3 UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Sarah Harris Ruffin departed this life on  
5 January 16, 1999, causing a great loss to her family and friends;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Ruffin, a native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi,  
8 was the daughter of Douglas and Elizabeth Harris and was born on  
9 April 15, 1914; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduating as an honor student from Eureka  
11 High School, Ms. Ruffin attended the Central School of Nursing in  
12 New York City, where she became a licensed nurse; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Ruffin graduated with honors and began her long  
14 and distinguished nursing career, culminating with retirement from  
15 the New York City Board of Health in 1975; and

16 WHEREAS, faithfully involved in her church, Ms. Ruffin was a  
17 devoted member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and Zion Baptist  
18 Church, where she was a member for fifty years; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Ruffin, a genuine and caring individual,  
20 actively lobbied for greatly needed state and federal funding for  
21 our senior citizen care, and programs for women and children; and

22 WHEREAS, understanding the importance of a college education,  
23 Ms. Ruffin insured that her sister's children would graduate from  
24 college; and

25 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds it most appropriate to pay  
26 special tribute to such an outstanding woman as Ms. Sarah Harris

27 Ruffin, a woman who dedicated her life to helping others:

28           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
29 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
30 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life of Ms. Sarah Harris  
31 Ruffin and express our deepest sympathy to her family upon her  
32 passing.

33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
34 furnished to the family of Ms. Sarah Harris Ruffin and to members  
35 of the Capitol Press Corps.