

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF GIRLIA LEE GRIFFITH
2 BRINSON OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
3 SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE ON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Girlia Lee Griffith Brinson was born in Covington
5 County on March 17, 1917, to the late Milton and Arlena Jones
6 Griffith. Growing up in Mt. Olive, she attended school there and
7 graduated as Valedictorian of her class; and

8 WHEREAS, we pause here today to pay our last respects to our
9 departed friend, associate and neighbor, who departed this life on
10 Tuesday, March 16, 1999. We can say, without fear or
11 contradiction, that, in the passing of this deceased, a pure,
12 sweet soul is at rest. A full day's work finished, being weary of
13 the burdens of life, the God whom she served so devotedly, sent
14 down from the shining courts of glory, a beautiful Glorified
15 Messenger with orders to release from its suffering decaying body,
16 wracked with pain and agony, a Christian Spirit, a sanctified soul
17 that has long been imprisoned in its house of clay and caused a
18 sleep of which only God knows the awakening. Realizing the need
19 for spiritual guidance, Girlia accepted Christ early in her life
20 and united with Harmony M.B. Church. As an adult, she served as
21 Vice-President and Treasurer of the Home Mission; and

22 WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful
23 is character, and she who possesses a beautiful character is
24 worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful
25 character; she whom we memorialize here at this time possessed a
26 beautiful character; and lived a beautiful life, she died a

27 beautiful death. She of whom I speak is the late Girlia Lee
28 Griffith Brinson; and

29 WHEREAS, to my mind the highest tribute that can be paid to
30 any woman is, that she was loved by her fellowman. Truly, this is
31 the sentiment of all who knew this gallant and noble Christian
32 lady and noble citizen, Girlia Lee Griffith Brinson, our friend,
33 big sister and civil leader; and

34 WHEREAS, with a lasting gratitude for her exemplary life, her
35 tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good she did, the
36 things she taught, and the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate
37 this hour. She was a hero for God, possessed with the Abrahamic
38 type of faith, filled with the spirit of her Christ, she was a
39 friend to all; free from deceit and met all with a kindly smile;
40 and

41 WHEREAS, she was a hard worker. She sought to help and
42 encourage all who needed such. She was always busy, and ever
43 alert to find something to do, or a word to encourage; and

44 WHEREAS, when one has given his or her life for a good cause,
45 bestowing freely and unselfishly his or her talent, influence and
46 time for the betterment of the community in which they live,
47 touching all phases of the religious, social and civic life of the
48 people, death is momentous; and

49 WHEREAS, on her graduation day, Girlia united in Holy
50 Matrimony with the late Lanfus Brinson, a hard-working farmer and
51 humble housewife, this union produced eleven children: three
52 daughters, Gloria B. Treadway, Duarte, California; Arlenia B.
53 Jones, Bristol, Pennsylvania; and Patsy Brinson, Mt. Olive,
54 Mississippi; eight sons, Daris Brinson, Eddie C. Brinson and Ozel
55 Brinson, of Mt. Olive, Mississippi; Reverend Keith Brinson,
56 Collins, Mississippi; Duet Brinson, Seattle, Washington; Clyde
57 Brinson, Duarte, California; Gregory Brinson, Norwalk, California;
58 and Carl Brinson, Azusa, California; and

59 WHEREAS, other survivors include one sister, Mrs. Vonceal G.
60 McLaurin, Columbia, Mississippi; one brother, Jemel Griffith of
61 Jackson, Mississippi; forty-eight grandchildren; cousins; nieces;
62 nephews; and friends. Girlia had five brothers who preceded her
63 in death:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
65 MISSISSIPPI, That even as we mourn Girlia Lee Griffith Brinson's
66 passing, we are resigned to the all-wise Heavenly Father's will.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude to God
68 for having left this beautiful life among us for a time to blossom
69 out and bless us with its sweetness and righteousness, like the
70 fragrance of a rose.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express to the family and
72 relatives who grieve today our deep sympathy in their loss and the
73 reminder that their loss is heaven's gain.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
75 sent to the family of the deceased.