

By: Senator(s) Horhn

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LONGSTANDING CIVIC AND
2 CHARITABLE SERVICE OF THE LATE CLARIE COLLINS HARVEY UPON THE
3 OCCASION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE HARVEY WELLNESS CENTER NAMED IN
4 HER MEMORY.

5 WHEREAS, even though Clarie Collins Harvey departed this life
6 in May 1995, her contributions to the City of Jackson,
7 Mississippi, and her considerable volunteer service to civic and
8 charitable organizations will be recognized as the Harvey Wellness
9 Center is dedicated in her honor; and

10 WHEREAS, the only child given to this earth through Malachi
11 C. and Mary Rayford Collins, Clarie was a Thanksgiving gift to
12 them and the world on November 27, 1916, in Meridian, Mississippi;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Clarie Collins Harvey's education: Smith Robertson
15 Elementary School, Jackson, Mississippi; Jackson State Laboratory,
16 Jackson, Mississippi; Tougaloo College Secondary School, Tougaloo,
17 Mississippi; graduated high school; Spelman College, Atlanta,
18 Georgia, Economics (1937); Indiana College of Mortuary Science,
19 Indianapolis, Indiana (1942); Professional Studies, Echols College
20 of Mortuary Science, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Certificate in
21 Embalming; M.A. Degree in Personnel Administration, Columbia
22 University (1951); post-graduate Business Administration at New
23 York University, Graduate School of Business Administration
24 (1948-1950); post-graduate studies in Religious Education, Union
25 Theological Seminary, New York City, New York (1950-1951); School
26 of Metaphysics, Jackson, Mississippi (1983-1984); various
27 management seminars through the years; and her educational honors

28 include: Doctor of Humanities, Rust College (1968); and Doctor of
29 Humane Letters, Spelman College (received first honorary from
30 Spelman University); and

31 WHEREAS, she married Martin Luther Harvey in 1943 and they
32 shared 32 years of togetherness until Martin's death in 1976; and

33 WHEREAS, Clarie's business profile was as follows: Chief
34 Executive Officer, Collins Funeral Home and Insurance Companies,
35 Inc.; Unity Life Insurance Company; Abundavita Wholistic Health
36 Enterprises, established in 1903, 1918, 1978 and 1985,
37 respectively; bookkeeper for the family funeral home and insurance
38 companies (1937-1939); vice-president and partner with her mother
39 (Mary Rayford Collins); and management consultant; and

40 WHEREAS, Clarie's volunteer service was as follows: Trustee
41 Leadership Jackson since 1989; International Trade Commission
42 Advisory Board (1986); Advisory Board, Habitat for Humanity, Inc.,
43 a nonprofit Christian housing ministry dedicated to helping poor
44 people around the world improve the conditions in which they are
45 forced to live (1986); Church Women United - Chairperson for
46 National Financial Development (1981-1984), Member National
47 Governing Boards (1967-1984), and state and local leadership
48 roles, including ecumenical committee (1967-1984); World Council
49 of Churches - Chairperson of Program Unit III: Education and
50 Renewal (first black and first woman to serve, 1972-1975); and
51 Consultant to Central Committee (1972-1975); and

52 WHEREAS, her service to educational institutions includes:
53 Trustee (first black woman), Tuskegee University, Tuskegee,
54 Alabama, Chair for Investment Responsibility Committee (1972);
55 Secretary, Atlanta University Center, Board of Trustees,
56 (1973-1986); Trustee (first black), Millsaps College, Jackson,
57 Mississippi (1974-1985); Trustee, Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
58 for Social Change (1970-1976); Trustee, Rust College, Holly
59 Springs, Mississippi (1959-1969); and Danforth Associates,
60 Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (1960-1969); and

61 WHEREAS, her service to professional organizations: member
62 Children's Defense Fund Board, Washington, D.C. (1972-1980);
63 member Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity; National Funeral
64 Directors and Morticians Association - District Governor (first

65 woman, 1958-1962), Secretary of Commission on Mortuary Education
66 (1958-1960), and State President of the Mississippi Funeral
67 Directors and Morticians Association; and member Founding Board,
68 State Mutual Savings and Loans Association, Jackson, Mississippi
69 (1956-1968), which became a multi-million dollar institution; and

70 WHEREAS, other national, state and local volunteer services
71 include: National Co-Chairperson, Shriver for President
72 (1975-1976); member of the Board of Southern Regional Council,
73 Inc., a 13-state southern human relations institution in Atlanta,
74 Georgia, only husband and wife team member (1965-1975);
75 Chairperson, Hinds Council Community Service Association sponsored
76 by the Office of Economic Opportunity (1968-1971); member
77 Mississippi Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on
78 Civil Rights (1960-1970); board member Mississippi Industrial
79 Special Services; appointed by Mayors to the Progressive Action
80 Committee, City of Jackson; appointed by Governor to the
81 Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women (1960); honorary
82 member of Archousa Beta Gamma Boule (formerly Archousa Alpha Xi
83 Boule); honorary member of National Iota Phi Lambda Sorority,
84 Inc.; member Terrell Literary Club; member Links, Inc., Jackson
85 Chapter; member National Urban League, Inc.; life member National
86 Council of Negro Women; life member National Association for the
87 Advancement of Colored People; life member Alpha Kappa Alpha
88 Sorority since 1939; National Undergraduate Program Advisor
89 (1952-1954); and a support group for the activities of the major
90 Civil Rights Movements and also provided opportunities for
91 Mississippi youth to receive scholarships and education in
92 northern and eastern universities (1962-1976); and

93 WHEREAS, her honors and awards: Outstanding Small Business
94 Woman, Central Region, National Council of Small Business
95 Management Development (1976); International Upper Room Citation,
96 presented to the first black woman and first black American at a
97 banquet for 700 persons in Jackson, Mississippi, March 1, 1976;

98 Albert Gallatin Business Award Certificate of Merit for
99 outstanding achievements in business and community (1975);
100 Churchwoman of the Year Award, Religious Heritage of America,
101 Inc., (1974); Clarie Collins Harvey Day in Mississippi declared by
102 Governor William Waller, December 30, 1974; Top Hat Award, New
103 Pittsburg Courier (1974); Mississippi Religious Leadership
104 Conference Award (1973); commencement speaker, Spelman College,
105 Atlanta, Georgia (1973); Outstanding Citizen of City of Jackson
106 (1971); Outstanding Alumni Award, Spelman College, Atlanta,
107 Georgia (1966); citation for outstanding efforts for civil rights
108 and peace by General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the
109 Methodist Church (1961); First Woman of the Year, National Funeral
110 Directors Association (1955); Millsaps College, Black Students
111 Association for Outstanding Leadership (1982); Christian
112 Leadership Award (1988); Award of Distinction, University of
113 Mississippi (1989); Council of Deliberation Black History Award
114 (1990); Jackson State University Black History Award (1990); NAACP
115 Generational Awards (1991); and

116 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we review the dedicated
117 service of this person who has contributed so much to her church,
118 her profession, her community and to her state:

119 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
120 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize the longstanding civic
121 and charitable service of the late Clarie Collins Harvey upon the
122 occasion of the dedication of the Harvey Wellness Center named in
123 her memory.

124 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
125 the Board of Directors of the Harvey Wellness Center and be made
126 available to the Capitol Press Corps.