

By: Senator(s) Horhn

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120  
(As Adopted by Senate)

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.