

By: Reynolds, Thornton

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MR. WILLIAM  
2 ALBERT "TOM" HOLMES AND EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY  
3 UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. William Albert "Tom" Holmes, departed this life  
5 on Sunday, December 26, 1999, causing great loss to his family and  
6 friends; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes, son of the late Will Holmes and Rosetta  
8 Jones Holmes, was born on October 19, 1940, in Panola County,  
9 Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduating from South Panola High School, Mr.  
11 Holmes attended Natchez Jr. College, earning an Associate Arts  
12 Degree in Education; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes was dedicated to his country as he served  
14 in the United States Army in 1964, receiving an honorable  
15 discharge in 1966, and served in the Army Reserve and the  
16 Mississippi National Guard; and

17 WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Holmes was a  
18 former member and secretary of Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist  
19 Church; a member, former Chairman of the Steward Board, former  
20 Chairman of the Trustee Board and Financial Secretary of Union  
21 Hill C.M.E. Church; Vice President of the Water Valley Chapter of

22 the NAACP and former Scoutmaster of Troop #250; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes received several awards and honors,  
24 including the Mississippi Accommodation Medal in 1983, the Army  
25 Accommodation Medal in 1984 and was promoted to Staff Sergeant and  
26 Section Chief in the Mississippi National Guard; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes is survived by his lovely wife, the  
28 former Florine Baker, eight children, 18 grandchildren, one great  
29 grandchild and a host of other relatives:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
32 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life of Mr. William Albert  
33 "Tom" Holmes and extend our deepest sympathy to his family and  
34 friends upon his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
36 furnished to the family of Mr. William Albert "Tom" Holmes and to  
37 members of the Capitol Press Corps.