

By: Reynolds, Thornton

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND  
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. GERALD H. DENLEY, EDITOR OF THE COFFEEVILLE  
3 COURIER AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY UPON HIS  
4 PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Gerald H. Denley, Editor of the Coffeeville  
6 Courier, departed this life on Sunday, October 24, 1999, causing  
7 great loss to his family and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Denley, born in 1912, spent all his life in or  
9 near Coffeeville, Mississippi, and graduated from Coffeeville High  
10 School in 1929; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Denley's college education at Mississippi State  
12 was cut short by financial challenges and the depression in 1931;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Denley, a loyal patriot, fought in World War II  
15 in the Battle of the Bulge and other campaigns in Europe; and

16 WHEREAS, after returning from the war, Mr. Denley worked with  
17 his older brother, Sellers, to carry forward the family newspaper  
18 his father acquired in 1910; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Denley devoted the majority of his time to  
20 writing, editing, putting together and publishing the Coffeeville  
21 Courier; and

22 WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Denley was a

23 former member of the Board of Aldermen of Coffeeville, a former  
24 deacon of the Coffeeville First Baptist Church and a former member  
25 of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Press Association;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Denley has been lovingly supported in all his  
28 endeavors by his wife, Eloise; his son, James; and two  
29 grandchildren; and

30 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Mississippi to  
31 recognize outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Gerald H. Denley  
32 for his dedication to the field of journalism and printing:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
34 REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby  
35 commend the life and accomplishments of Mr. Gerald H. Denley and  
36 extend our deepest sympathy to his family upon his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
38 furnished to the family of Mr. Gerald H. Denley and to members of  
39 the Capitol Press Corps.