

By: Representatives Hines, Bailey, Perkins

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JAMES  
2 OTHA TRIMM AND EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND  
3 FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. James Otha Trimm, a native of Leland,  
5 Mississippi, departed this life on March 4, 2001, causing a great  
6 loss to his family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Trimm, the fifth child of the late Samuel and  
8 Lena Mae Trimm, was born on March 11, 1924; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Trimm accepted Christ at an early age and served  
10 faithfully in St. James A.M.E. Church as a member of the Steward  
11 Board and former President of the Trustee Board; and

12 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Mr. Trimm  
13 furthered his education at Alcorn State University and received a  
14 master's degree from Jackson State University; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Trimm was a devoted patriot to his country as he  
16 served the United States Army during World War II; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Trimm demonstrated his outstanding leadership  
18 qualities and sincere concern for his community serving 19 years  
19 as Principal of B.L. Bell Elementary School; two years as Director  
20 of Head Start; 16 years as Title I, ESEA Coordinator for the  
21 Leland Consolidated School District and retired in 1986 as an  
22 Administrative Assistant and Director of Federal Programs for  
23 Leland Consolidated School District; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Trimm's desire to improve the quality of life  
25 for the people of his community was evidenced by his participation  
26 in numerous civic organizations including the Delta Kappa Chapter  
27 of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Epsilon Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha

28 Phi Alpha Fraternity; Board of Trustees for the Witte Memorial  
29 Hospital; Board of Trustees for the Delta Regional Medical Center;  
30 Leland City Election Commission; City of Leland Democratic  
31 Executive Committee; Leland Homecoming Club; Washington County  
32 United Way and many others; and

33 WHEREAS, Mr. Trimm is survived by his lovely wife of 46  
34 years, the former Jacquelyn Bryant; two children, Valerie and  
35 Sherman; three grandchildren, Erika, Marcus and Lauren; and a host  
36 of other relatives; and

37 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
38 recognize outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Trimm, who  
39 devoted his life to community service and the education of our  
40 young people:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
42 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
43 commend the life and accomplishments of Mr. James Otha Trimm and  
44 express our deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his  
45 passing.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
47 furnished to the family of Mr. James Otha Trimm and to the members  
48 of the Capitol Press Corps.