

By: Senator(s) Farris

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 534

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF FORMER FIRST  
2 LADY OF MISSISSIPPI DOROTHY P. JOHNSON, AND EXPRESSING THE  
3 SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, former First Lady of Mississippi Dorothy P. Johnson  
5 of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, died August 26, 2000; and

6 WHEREAS, "Dot," as she was known, was the widow of former  
7 Governor Paul B. Johnson, Jr., who served from 1964-1968; and

8 WHEREAS, she was born in Red Banks, Mississippi, to Octie  
9 Kizer and Shelby Reeves Power; she was a graduate from the  
10 University of Mississippi where she was chosen "Ole Miss Beauty"  
11 and met her husband, Paul B. Johnson, Jr.; she was active in DAR  
12 and served as the state president; Dot loved to cook and wrote and  
13 published a cookbook with many of her special dishes; she was a  
14 charter member of Parkway Heights Methodist Church in Hattiesburg,  
15 Mississippi; and

16 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her husband, former  
17 Governor Paul B. Johnson, Jr., a daughter, Rebecca Reynolds  
18 Johnson, a son, Shelby V. Johnson, Sr., and a grandson, Will  
19 Johnson; she is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia  
20 Tish and Sam Ross of Hattiesburg; son and daughter-in-law, Paul B.  
21 III "Chipper" and Betty Johnson of Hattiesburg; daughter-in-law,  
22 Shirley Sarris of Jackson; her brother, James M. Power of Memphis,  
23 TN; grandchildren Kimmen Johnson and Shelby Johnson, Jr., of  
24 Jackson, MS, and Jennifer Stewart, Burney Johnson, Andrew Johnson  
25 and Patrick Johnson of Hattiesburg; the delight of her life in her  
26 later years was her three great-grandchildren, Shelby and Zachary  
27 Stewart of Hattiesburg and Anne Marie Johnson of Jackson; and

28           WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that we recognize the  
29 passing of this wonderful southern lady who was such an asset to  
30 our state:

31           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
32 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
33 we do hereby commend the life of former First Lady of Mississippi  
34 Dorothy P. Johnson, and express the sympathy of the Legislature on  
35 her passing.

36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
37 presented to the surviving children of Mrs. Johnson and be made  
38 available to the Capitol Press Corps.