

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MS. DELLA MAE HUNT AND
2 EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HER
3 PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Della Mae Hunt, the eldest of four siblings, was
5 born August 19, 1937, in Jackson, Mississippi, to the late Mack
6 Hunt, Sr., and Annie Bell Cotton Hunt, both of whom preceded her
7 in death; and

8 WHEREAS, Della attended Sallie Reynolds Elementary School and
9 Jim Hill High School where she excelled in Home Economics; and

10 WHEREAS, at the age of twelve, she confessed Christ as her
11 Savior and united with The Saint James Missionary Baptist Church
12 under the pastorate of the late Reverend Dr. Theodore Cornelius
13 (T.C.) Simmons; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1949, she was baptized in a sacred baptismal
15 ceremony in a pond contiguous to the church; and

16 WHEREAS, Della, as a young woman, was a member of the first
17 organized group of Junior Matrons and Progressive Matrons under
18 the leadership of the St. James Missionary Society; and

19 WHEREAS, in later years, she actively participated in the
20 General Mission and was a member of the St. James Baptist Church
21 Mass Choir; and

22 WHEREAS, one who loved her pastor and supported her church to
23 the best of her ability, she found spiritual solace and comfort in
24 hearing Reverend Knight preach the words of God, and delighted in
25 traveling with the members to support her pastor; and

26 WHEREAS, Della served as a member of the staff of The Greater
27 St. James Missionary Baptist Church Day Care and Learning Center
28 under the directorship of Mrs. Bessie Williams; and

29 WHEREAS, at the authorization of the pastor, as an extended
30 service and convenience to members with babies, Della was
31 appointed to be in charge of the "Nursery" during the period for
32 Sunday School; and

33 WHEREAS, because of Della's ability to follow instruction, to
34 be compassionate and helpful, and having developed unique culinary
35 skills, she was frequently in demand to assist persons assigned by
36 the pastor to be in charge of auxiliary functions scheduled in the
37 church's Fellowship Hall; and

38 WHEREAS, Della, a life-long resident of Washington Addition
39 (Jackson), took pride in her community and its significant civic
40 activities in an effort to stay abreast as a responsible citizen;
41 and

42 WHEREAS, Della passed away at 4:45 p.m., Tuesday, March 20,
43 2001, at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson,
44 Mississippi; and

45 WHEREAS, loved ones who survived her include three daughters,
46 Carolyn (Napoleon) White, Jacqueline (Earnest) Sturgis and Gloria
47 (Mickel) Smith, all of Jackson, Mississippi; one son, Marco
48 (Carolyn) Hunt, Jackson, Mississippi; two sisters, Doris McDougale
49 and Maxcine (Sylvester Davis) Hunt, both of Jackson, Mississippi;
50 one adopted sister, Lizzie Ratliff, Jackson, Mississippi; one
51 brother, Mack Hunt, Jr., Jackson Mississippi; seven grandchildren,
52 Samuel Baily, Christopher White, Pamela White, Monterrius Hunt,
53 Alice Hunt, Joshua Sturgis and Jeremiah Sturgis; two great
54 grandchildren, Cortavious and Jamiayah Curry; one paternal aunt,
55 Inell Jones; one maternal aunt, Lizzie Tobias; three nieces,
56 Shirley McDougale, Lydia Washington and Marquita Willis; one
57 nephew, Corey Willis; special friends, Herman Ray Briscoe, Adelle

58 Harville, Erma McEntee, Earline Ford and Helen Cooper; and a host
59 of additional relatives and friends:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
61 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life of Ms. Della Mae
62 Hunt and express our deepest sympathy to this family and friends
63 upon her passing.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to the family of Ms. Della Mae Hunt and made available
66 to the Capitol Press Corps.