

By: Senator(s) Horhn

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MAYME EDNA REVERE CURTIS  
2 OF LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, (MOTHER OF MORGAN FREEMAN), AND  
3 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, Mayme Edna Revere Curtis was born on March 18, 1912,  
5 in Itta Bena, Leflore County, Mississippi. She passed from this  
6 life on Saturday, December 30, 2000; and

7 WHEREAS, the only child of Jacob Isaiah and Lenore Greenlee  
8 Revere, Mayme attended and graduated from Mary Holmes Seminary in  
9 West Point, Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, Mayme was a pianist and played for many choirs and  
11 churches in the surrounding counties. She is a past member of Mt.  
12 Olive Baptist Church, and at her passing she was a member of the  
13 Church of Christ on Beauclair Street. In Hinesville, Georgia,  
14 where she often spent the winter, she was a charter member of  
15 Trinity Missionary Baptist Temple; and

16 WHEREAS, Mayme is the widow of Grafton C. Curtis. Her oldest  
17 son, Rudolph Revere Anderson, also precedes her in death; and

18 WHEREAS, Mayme was affectionately known as "Mama" and "Little  
19 Mama" to her children and "Mommy" and "Grandmama" to her  
20 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, when visiting her children, Mayme was active and  
22 involved in her children's interests. She also loved traveling  
23 and did so as often as she could until her health failed; and

24 WHEREAS, Mayme is survived by four sons: Othello Anderson  
25 (Mary); Morgan Freeman (Myrna Colley-Lee); Billy Rose Freeman;  
26 Clifton Curtis (Mildred); a daughter, Iris Virginia Gordon  
27 (Tubby); three stepdaughters; Gale Curtis Dent (Ray); Veronica

28 Curtis Smith (Lionel); and Hazel Curtis Hardy. In addition, she  
29 leaves to cherish her memory eighteen grandchildren, 16  
30 great-grandchildren, one great-great granddaughter and 23  
31 step-grandchildren. She leaves her devoted cousins, Rita Jean and  
32 Jay Buxton, Lynn and Hubert Sallis, Catherine Carr Estes, Gloria  
33 Greenlee and Aunt Clara J. Sallis, nephew and niece, Albert and  
34 Alma Jean Curtis, her faithful companion and housekeeper, Doris  
35 Armstead, her personal aides, Ernestine Curry, Julia Williams and  
36 Sunyic Adams, and many other relatives and friends:

37       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
38 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life of Mayme Edna  
39 Revere Curtis of Leflore County, Mississippi, as a life full of  
40 charitable service and contributions to her community, and express  
41 the sympathy of the Legislature on her passing.

42       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
43 presented to the family of Mayme Edna Revere Curtis and made  
44 available to the Capitol Press Corps.