

By: Representatives Hudson, Warren

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MRS. NORMA
2 WILLIAMS SULLIVAN AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY
3 AND FRIENDS UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Norma Williams Sullivan, at the age of 100,
5 departed this life on Friday, January 25, 2002, causing great
6 sorrow and loss to her family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan, a native of Prentiss, Mississippi,
8 was the daughter of Homer and Irene Hubbard Williams; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan attended Belhaven College for two
10 years, where she was a member of Sigma Iota Chi sorority, before
11 transferring to Mississippi Woman's College, now William Carey
12 College, where she graduated in 1921 with a bachelor's degree in
13 piano performance; and

14 WHEREAS, exhibiting academic and social excellence, Mrs.
15 Sullivan was accepted to the University of Chicago's graduate
16 program, working in the Department of Romance Languages before
17 moving to Missouri to teach French and Spanish at Cottey College;
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19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan later returned to Mississippi, where
20 she was united in holy matrimony to her college sweetheart,
21 Caruthers Sullivan, and began what became a 57-year marriage; and

22 WHEREAS, generous with her time and talents, Mrs. Sullivan
23 served as president of the Orpheus Club, Galaxy Club and Study
24 Club of Hattiesburg, acted as a board member of the Hattiesburg
25 Historical Association, served as a member of the Hattiesburg
26 Little Theatre and past president of the PTA; and



27 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan was a devoted member of the Main
28 Street United Methodist Church, serving as Children's Sunday
29 School Superintendent and a life member of the Lydians, now known
30 as the Woman's Society of Christian Services; and

31 WHEREAS, named a Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow in
32 1998, Mrs. Sullivan had a profound effect on the youth of
33 Hattiesburg, and she was elected "Lifetime Mother" by the Theta
34 Chapter of Phi Kappa National Fraternity; and

35 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan is survived by her son, Garland
36 Williams Sullivan, and his wife, Sally; six grandchildren, Garland
37 Williams Sullivan II, Lynn Strickler Sullivan, Elizabeth Sullivan
38 McCollough, Kathleen Sullivan Davis, Martha Caruthers Sullivan
39 Nichols and John Magruder Sullivan II; ten great-grandchildren and
40 one great-great-grandchild; and

41 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds it most appropriate to pay
42 special tribute to such an outstanding woman as Mrs. Norma
43 Williams Sullivan, a woman whose life was supremely dedicated to
44 service:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
47 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life of Mrs. Norma Williams
48 Sullivan and express our deepest sympathy to her family and
49 friends upon her passing.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
51 furnished to the family of Mrs. Norma Williams Sullivan and to
52 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

