

By: Representative McCoy

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 90

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MR. WILLIAM
2 ANDREW CANNON FOR SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II AND CIVILIAN SERVICE
3 THEREAFTER AND EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND
4 FRIENDS ON HIS PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, Mr. William Andrew Cannon departed this life on
6 February 28, 2002, causing great sorrow and loss to his family and
7 friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon, a longtime resident of Mississippi, was
9 born on August 25, 1920, in Sweeny, Texas, moving to Corinth,
10 Mississippi, at the age of two; and

11 WHEREAS, after graduating from Corinth in 1938, Mr. Cannon
12 attended Western Kentucky University School of Business in Bowling
13 Green, Kentucky, from 1938 to 1941; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon, in 1941, after completing his studies in
15 Bowling Green, became a managing partner of the Van Bibber Lumber
16 Plant situated in Fulton, Mississippi, before joining the United
17 States Air Force to serve in World War II; and

18 WHEREAS, during military service to his nation, Mr. Cannon, a
19 pilot with the 463rd Bombardment Group, served as 1st Lieutenant
20 while stationed in Foggia, Italy, from 1943 to 1946; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon, along with the personnel of the 463rd
22 Bombardment Group, exhibited commendable efficiency in skill,
23 devotion, courage and determination while facing intense enemy
24 opposition, flying gallantly through in wing formation to reach
25 their designated target; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1945, on the Isle of Capri, Mr. Cannon married
27 the former Lucy de Forcade de Biaix; and



28 WHEREAS, receiving an honorable discharge as 1st Lieutenant
29 in May 1946, Mr. Cannon, received a Second War Department Unit
30 Citation for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of
31 duty in military operation against the enemy; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon, upon being discharged in 1946, returned
33 to the Van Bibber Lumber Plant in Fulton serving as a partner
34 until 1954 before joining the Department of Defense in 1955,
35 working as Maintenance Control Engineer for Public Works at the
36 Naval Support Facility until 1983; and

37 WHEREAS, in 1983, Mr. Cannon joined Naval Communications
38 Mediterranean as Facility Manager, retiring from that post on
39 March 31, 1990; and

40 WHEREAS, having received numerous awards for active service,
41 Mr. Cannon, at the time of his retirement, received the Department
42 of Navy's Meritorious Award for Civilian Service and a
43 commendation certificate for 38 years of service to the United
44 States government; and

45 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon's patriotic leadership, work ethic,
46 congenial nature, constructive attitude, dedication to his
47 country, and his forthright manner made a positive impact on all
48 those who had the pleasure of working with him; and

49 WHEREAS, having retired to Booneville, Mississippi, where he
50 was an avid golfer, Mr. Cannon was loved and motivated by a
51 supportive family and survivors, which consists of: his loving
52 wife, Lucy de Forcade Cannon; his son, Fred; his daughter, Tina
53 Jennie; and his six grandchildren, Carlo, Crystel, Francesco,
54 Elena, Lauren and Guglielimo; and

55 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to pay special
56 tribute to the life of such an outstanding citizen as Mr. Cannon,
57 whose patriotic fervency and love for this nation was exhibited
58 during his life through his service to the United States during
59 World War II and thereafter:



60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
62 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life of Mr. William Andrew
63 Cannon for the meritorious service he provided this nation during
64 World War II and his civilian service thereafter and express our
65 deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
67 furnished to the family of Mr. William Andrew Cannon and the
68 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

