

By: Representative Denny

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 58

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR.  
2 JAMES A. WHEELER AND EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY  
3 AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. James A. Wheeler, a native of Laurel,  
5 Mississippi, departed this life on March 16, 2002, causing a great  
6 loss to his family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, a retired Lieutenant Colonel, Mr. Wheeler served in  
8 the United States Air Force during World War II and the Korean  
9 Conflict with a total of 12 years of active duty and an additional  
10 10 years as Air Force Academy Liaison Officer in the Fifth  
11 Congressional District in the Air Force Reserve; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Wheeler received his college degree from the  
13 University of Southern Mississippi, where he also served as one of  
14 the founding members of the board of trustees of the USM  
15 Foundation; and

16 WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Wheeler was a  
17 devoted member of St. John's Episcopal Church, was elected twice  
18 as President of the Laurel Chamber of Commerce and served as  
19 President of the Laurel Red Cross; and

20 WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Wheeler was recognized with  
21 several awards including Boss of the Year by the Insurance Women  
22 of Jackson in 1980 and Board Member Emeritus by the Kidney  
23 Foundation of Mississippi; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Wheeler is survived by his dedicated wife of 53  
25 years, Genie Moore Wheeler; one daughter, Cynthia Temples, and her  
26 husband, John; two granddaughters, Mary-Baldwin and Claire; and  
27 many other relatives:



28           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
29 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
30 commend the life and accomplishments of Mr. James A. Wheeler and  
31 express our deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his  
32 passing.

33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
34 furnished to the family of Mr. James A. Wheeler and to the members  
35 of the Capitol Press Corps.

