

By: Representative Davis

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 61

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

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Ethan A. Moore, a native of Lauderdale County,
5 Mississippi, departed this life on March 17, 2002, causing a great
6 loss to his family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, at the young age of ten, Mr. Moore sensed the
8 blessing a caring funeral director could be to a grieving family
9 and began to feel the tug of God's calling him to meet the needs
10 of grieving families; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Moore was a loyal patriot for his country as he
12 joined the United States Army Air Corps in World War II and was
13 assigned to a B-17 Bomber crew and flew combat missions in Europe
14 as a gunner and radio operator; and

15 WHEREAS, after returning from the war, Mr. Moore began his
16 long career in funeral service at Webb Funeral Home in Meridian on
17 September 1, 1946; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Moore remained at Webb Funeral Home for 13
19 years, serving as the manager from 1951 to 1959; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1959, with nothing more than a loan from a
21 personal friend, Mr. Moore purchased a small neighborhood funeral
22 home in Hattiesburg; and

23 WHEREAS, throughout his 57-year career in the funeral home
24 business, Mr. Moore has served as President of Moore Funeral
25 Service, President of Home Security Life Insurance Company, former
26 President of the Mississippi Funeral Directors Association, former



27 Treasurer and board member of the International Order of the
28 Golden Rule; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Moore received formal education from Meridian
30 Junior College, Gettysburg College, Gupton/Jones College of
31 Mortuary Science and the National Foundation of Funeral Service
32 School of Management; and

33 WHEREAS, Mr. Moore was a longtime member of Temple Baptist
34 Church in Hattiesburg, where he served as an ordained Deacon and
35 many other leadership positions; and

36 WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Moore served as a former board
37 member of numerous organizations, including the Board of the
38 Mississippi Baptist Convention, the Home Mission Board of the
39 Southern Baptist Convention, Forrest County Industrial Board,
40 Hattiesburg Board of Directors for Trustmark National Bank, United
41 Way, Hattiesburg Country Club, American Red Cross and the
42 Salvation Army; and

43 WHEREAS, Mr. Moore was married to Ann Ash Moore, and was the
44 father of three sons, Steve and Greg, both of whom have major
45 roles in the funeral-related services, and Dr. David Scott Moore,
46 an anesthesiologist; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
48 the State of Mississippi to recognize outstanding Mississippians
49 such as Mr. Moore, who dedicated his life and career to helping
50 and comforting hundreds of families during their time of loss:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
53 commend the life of Mr. Ethan A. Moore and express our deepest
54 sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
56 furnished to the family of Mr. Ethan A. Moore and to the members
57 of the Capitol Press Corps.

