

By: Senator(s) Simmons

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF EMMA JEAN BODDIE AND  
2 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE.

3 WHEREAS, Emma Jean Boddie was born on April 11, 1942, to  
4 Mamie L. Brown and the late Joseph Brown, Sr., in Mound Bayou,  
5 Mississippi; and

6 WHEREAS, Emma Jean Boddie accepted Christ as her personal  
7 Savior on August 8, 1950, and was baptized at the Evergreen M.B.  
8 Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Emma Jean Boddie attended Cleveland Public Schools  
10 and graduated from McEvans High School in Shaw, Mississippi, on  
11 April 28, 1960; and

12 WHEREAS, after graduation, she moved to Chicago, Illinois,  
13 and attended modeling school; and

14 WHEREAS, she met Claud E. Boddie, Sr., and they were married  
15 on August 4, 1962; and

16 WHEREAS, to the union of Emma and Claud were born five  
17 children: Tracey, Claud, Elliott, Megan and Kimberley; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1971, Emma Jean and Claud moved back to  
19 Cleveland, Mississippi; and

20 WHEREAS, Emma Jean worked faithfully for Delta Community  
21 Health Center for 26 years; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1971, Emma Jean joined the Pilgrim Rest M.B.  
23 Church; and

24 WHEREAS, Emma Jean was active in her community and church;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Emma Jean expressed her commitment and dedication to  
27 her faith and church through her untiring service as Secretary for



28 the Pilgrim Rest M.B. Church, Secretary of the Choir, Chairperson  
29 for the Annual Women's Day Program and Secretary for the Bolivar  
30 County Baptist Association; and

31 WHEREAS, her commitment to the community led her to serve on  
32 the Democratic Election Committee and coach the Cleveland All-Star  
33 Girls Softball Team; and

34 WHEREAS, Emma Jean Boddie is survived by her devoted husband,  
35 Claud E. Boddie, Sr., and children, Tracey B. Sanders, Claud E.  
36 Boddie, Jr., Elliott Jermal Boddie, Megan R. Boddie and Kimberley  
37 B. Proctor; loving mother, Mamie L. Brown; and loving  
38 mother-in-law, Marie Boddie; and

39 WHEREAS, Emma Jean leaves a legacy of spiritual commitment  
40 and dedication to helping others which is evidenced by the number  
41 of lives that she touched:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
43 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life of Emma Jean  
44 Boddie, and express the sympathy of the Senate to her family and  
45 friends.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
47 the family of Emma Jean Boddie.

