

By: Senator(s) Walls

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CIVIC AND
2 CHARITABLE SERVICE OF JOHN LOUIS HAYNES, SR., OF GREENVILLE,
3 MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, John Louis Haynes, Sr., of Greenville, Mississippi,
5 long-time employee of the County and State Department of Health,
6 passed away on Sunday, November 10, 2002; and

7 WHEREAS, John Louis Haynes, Sr., was born October 31, 1949,
8 to the late Tommy Haynes and Mrs. Bethena Haynes. He spent his
9 childhood in the Clarksdale vicinity attending the public schools.
10 He graduated from Coahoma County Agricultural High School with the
11 Class of 1967. Upon graduation, John attended Coahoma Junior
12 College and graduated from Jackson State University with a
13 Bachelor of Science Degree in Special Education. He was employed
14 for 30 years with the Washington County Health Department where he
15 served faithfully. He began his career as a Health Advisor and,
16 at the time of his death, an Environmentalist. He also worked
17 part-time at Sears Department Stores as a salesman for several
18 years. John was appointed by former Governor William Winters to
19 serve as a member of the Selective Service Board. John accepted
20 Christ as his Lord and Savior at Mt. Avery M.B. Church, Friars
21 Point, Mississippi; and

22 WHEREAS, upon moving to Greenville, Mississippi, in 1972, he
23 united with the Mercy Seat M.B. Church, under the pastorage of the
24 late Dr. Royal L. Jordan, where he served in several capacities,
25 including singing in the choir and on the Deacon Board; and

26 WHEREAS, an avid sports enthusiast, John spent over 20 years
27 as a volunteer coach with the Greenville Park Commission. He



28 sponsored and coached several baseball, basketball and football
29 teams. He impacted the lives of many young men in this community.
30 John picked up those boys often for practices and ballgames and
31 took them back home. He generously fed them and provided any
32 essentials necessary for them to be able to participate in the
33 activities. He was a surrogate father to those young men, both
34 naturally and spiritually. He was instrumental in several of the
35 young men accepting Christ and getting baptized at Mercy Seat
36 Missionary Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his
37 father, Tommy Haynes, and daughter, Mikaela Darice Haynes; and

38 WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his life and memories one son,
39 John L. Haynes, Jr. of Jackson, Mississippi; his loving, devoted
40 caregiver, Florence K. Haynes of Greenville, Mississippi; Mother,
41 Mrs. Bethena Haynes of Clarksdale, Mississippi; four brothers:
42 R.V. (Rosie) Haynes of Chicago, Illinois; Larry Haynes of Memphis,
43 Tennessee; Jerry Haynes and Bobby (Jessie) Haynes both of
44 Clarksdale, Mississippi; two sisters: Ruby Mitchell of Los
45 Angeles, California, and Hazel (Lester) Brunson of Clarksdale,
46 Mississippi. He is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews,
47 other relatives and friends; and

48 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this
49 Mississippian who leaves a legacy of civic and charitable service
50 to his family, his church, his community and to the State of
51 Mississippi:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life and legacy of
54 civic and charitable service of John Louis Haynes, Sr., of
55 Greenville, Mississippi, and express to his family the sympathy of
56 the Mississippi Senate on his passing.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 Mr. Haynes' surviving family and be made available to the Capitol
59 Press Corps.

