

By: Representatives Reynolds, Mayo,  
Whittington

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND  
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WILLIAM WEEMS GATES AND EXTENDING DEEPEST  
3 SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, William Weems Gates departed this life on October  
5 17, 2002, causing a great loss to his family and friends; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Gates was born on July 5, 1975, in Clarksdale,  
7 Mississippi, and was raised in Sumner, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, after graduating from Episcopal High School in  
9 Alexandria, Virginia, Mr. Gates furthered his education at  
10 Vanderbilt University where he received a bachelor of arts degree  
11 in English; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Gates received a juris doctor from The  
13 University of Mississippi School of Law where he was a member of  
14 the Mississippi Law Journal, the Moot Court Executive Board, and  
15 was the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of National Security Law;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Gates is survived by his parents, Alex and Lyn,  
18 and his brother, George, all of whom lovingly supported him in all  
19 his endeavors; and

20 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
21 and pay special tribute to outstanding Mississippians such as  
22 William Gates, whose great sense of humor brightened each day,  
23 whose positive influence and encouragement will always be  
24 remembered, and whose exceptional character is a remarkable  
25 example for all to follow:

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
27 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING



28 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and honor the life and  
29 accomplishments of William Weems Gates and express our deepest  
30 sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
32 furnished to Alex and Lyn Gates, George Gates, Shannon McCoy and  
33 to members of the Capitol Press Corps.

