

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.

