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MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2003

By: Representatives Reynolds, Mayo,
Whittington

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

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

WHEREAS, William Weems Gates departed this life on October
17, 2002, causing a great loss to his family and friends; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Gates was born on July 5, 1975, in Clarksdale,
Mississippi, and was raised in Sumner, Mississippi; and
WHEREAS, after graduating from Episcopal High School in
Alexandria, Virginia, Mr. Gates furthered his education at
Vanderbilt University where he received a bachelor of arts degree
in English; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Gates received a juris doctor from The
University of Mississippi School of Law where he was a member of
the Mississippi Law Journal, the Moot Court Executive Board, and
was the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of National Security Law;
and
WHEREAS, Mr. Gates is survived by his parents, Alex and Lyn,
and his brother, George, all of whom lovingly supported him in all
his endeavors; and
WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
and pay special tribute to outstanding Mississippians such as
William Gates, whose great sense of humor brightened each day,
whose positive influence and encouragement will always be
remembered, and whose exceptional character is a remarkable
template for all to follow:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and honor the life and accomplishments of William Weems Gates and express our deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

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