

By: Representatives Smith (39th), Chism,
Ellis, Gibbs, Harrison, Markham, Miles

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND WORKS OF V. BIRNEY IMES,
2 JR., AND EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, V. Birney Imes, Jr., the father of six children, V.
5 Birney III, Tanner, Stephen, Gene, Frank and G. Sidney, was born
6 on March 15, 1914, in Columbus, Mississippi, and departed this
7 life on March 12, 2003; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Imes graduated third in his high school class at
9 Gulf Coast Military Academy, and thereafter attended, for two
10 years each, the University of Alabama and the University of
11 Mississippi where he studied in the School of Business; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Imes faithfully served in the United States Army
13 and Army Air Corps for five years in many different areas,
14 including field artillery, instructor, Commander of the Student
15 Squadron at Key Field, air, sea, and land rescue, until he was
16 discharged as a Major in 1945; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Imes, a stellar businessman throughout his life,
18 was successful in many business ventures over the years, including
19 becoming an owner and publisher of the Commercial Dispatch in
20 1947; serving as a member of the Board of Directors of First
21 Columbus National Bank beginning in 1949 and becoming the chairman
22 of that board in 1979; beginning the operation of WCBI-TV, Channel
23 4 CBS, in 1955; and purchasing three television stations, WBOY-TV
24 in Clarksburg, West Virginia, in 1978, WMUR-TV in Manchester, New
25 Hampshire, in 1982, and KDBC-TV in El Paso, Texas, in 1988; and

26 WHEREAS, in addition to his corporate pursuits, Mr. Imes
27 remained active in his community throughout his life, by serving



28 as a board member of a number of organizations, including the
29 YMCA, the Salvation Army, the Owen Foundation, French Camp
30 Academy, and the Columbus and Greenville Railway, and maintaining
31 membership in a number of organizations, including the State
32 Committee for Improvement of Higher Education, the Radio/TV
33 Committee for the First Baptist Church, and the Boy Scout
34 Executive Council; and

35 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
36 pay tribute to men of great character and business savvy, such as
37 V. Birney Imes, Jr.:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commend the
40 life and works of V. Birney Imes, Jr., and express our deepest
41 sympathy upon his passing.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
43 furnished to the family of V. Birney Imes, Jr., and to the members
44 of the Capitol Press Corps.

