

By: Representative Eaton

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 69

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND WORKS OF MR. JOHN KNOX
2 MAYFIELD AND EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. John Knox Mayfield, a long time friend of many
5 respected community leaders, passed away on March 13, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Mayfield was born on February 10, 1920, in
7 Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the youngest of Mr. Lemuel and Mrs.
8 Charity Mayfield's ten children; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Mayfield's family moved to Las Cruces, New
10 Mexico, where he was raised and attended New Mexico State
11 University until he departed to enlist in the United States Army
12 Air Corps following the bombing of Pearl Harbor; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Mayfield experienced much during his service in
14 the military, including completing flight training and being
15 commissioned as a second lieutenant on October 9, 1942,
16 instructing cadets in basic training before being trained to fly
17 B-24 bombers, piloting a B-24 bomber in the European Theater of
18 War in World War II, and spending eight and one-half months as a
19 German prisoner of war until he was liberated by the Russians, and
20 was honorably discharged from the service in 1945; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Mayfield and his family eventually returned to
22 Taylorsville, Mississippi, where he was a success at raising beef
23 cattle, operating a dairy, and tree farming, which resulted in his
24 being named Mississippi Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year in
25 1991; and

26 WHEREAS, during his life, Mr. Mayfield was very active in his
27 church and community, serving as deacon at First Baptist Church in



28 Taylorsville for many years, and as a member of the Federal Land
29 Bank Board of Mississippi and the Smith County School Board; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Mayfield will be dearly missed by his wife, Mary
31 Mayfield, three children, Deon Jones, Dr. John Mayfield, and Meg
32 Moore, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
34 pay tribute to men of great character, such as Mr. John Knox
35 Mayfield:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commend the
38 life and works of Mr. John Knox Mayfield and express our deepest
39 sympathy upon his passing.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
41 furnished to the family of Mr. John Knox Mayfield and members of
42 the Capitol Press Corps.

