

By: Senator(s) Walls, Frazier, Harden,
Horhn, White, Michel, Jordan, Furniss,
Jackson, Ross, Turner, Johnson (38th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MELVIN PHILLIPS AND
2 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Melvin Phillips, long-time Financial Aid
4 Director at Tougaloo College and at Jackson State University,
5 passed away on February 4, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips was the first African-American graduate
7 of Provine High School in 1968, and was a member of the National
8 Honor Society; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated Magna Cum Laude from Tougaloo College
10 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science/Mathematics
11 in 1972, and from Jackson State University with a Masters of
12 Science Degree in Political Science/Mathematics in 1979; and

13 WHEREAS, he worked with Congressman Benny Thompson on Rose
14 Street, Jackson, Mississippi, in the 1970's; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips was Financial Aid Director at Tougaloo
16 College, 1973-1985, and Financial Aid Director at Jackson State
17 University, 1985-1995, (retired); and

18 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this
19 influential citizen whose career of public service is a matter of
20 record:

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
22 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life of Melvin
23 Phillips, long-time Financial Aid Director at Tougaloo College and
24 at Jackson State University, and express the sympathy of the
25 Senate to his family on his passing.



26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
27 the surviving family of Melvin Phillips and be made available to
28 the Capitol Press Corps.

