

By: Representatives Guice, Patterson

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. BOOKER T. GATLIN ON
2 THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Booker T. Gatlin was born January 4, 1904, in
4 Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, to the Reverend Dennis Gatlin
5 and Rosey Baker Gatlin; and

6 WHEREAS, he married the late Arlila "Macy" Daughtrel in June
7 1928; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Gatlin and Macy had two children, Rosemary
9 Gatlin Reed and the late L.C. Gatlin; and

10 WHEREAS, early in life, Mr. Gatlin learned the value of hard
11 work and an honest living by working on his father's farm, and
12 attended college at Prentiss Institute; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Gatlin worked various jobs in and around the
14 Jackson, Mississippi, area for most of his early adulthood before
15 working in an ammunition plant, which supplied ammunition boxes to
16 the United States Armed Forces during World War II; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Gatlin's strong work ethic and commitment so
18 impressed his supervisors that the owner of the company offered
19 him a job as chauffer and caretaker of his home and property on
20 the Mississippi Gulf Coast in Biloxi; and

21 WHEREAS, while continuing in the capacity as chauffer and
22 property caretaker until his retirement, Mr. Gatlin parlayed his
23 experience into owning a lawn care business, managing the lawns of
24 numerous civic leaders and worked until the age of 96; and

25 WHEREAS, now residing in the Vancleave community with his
26 daughter, Rosemary, Mr. Gatlin remains active with his favorite
27 pastime, watching major league sports, attending local community

28 senior citizen activities several times a week, and serving as
29 honorary trustee of First Missionary Baptist Church, where he is
30 the oldest member; and

31 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
32 and commend such outstanding individuals as Mr. Booker T. Gatlin,
33 who is known to be held in the highest regards by those who know
34 him, on such a grand occasion as his 100th birthday:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSE OR REPRESENTATIVES OF
36 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we
37 do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Booker T. Gatlin on the
38 occasion and celebration of his 100th birthday and extend to him
39 our heartiest wishes for many more years of good health, peace,
40 happiness and love.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 furnished to Mr. Booker T. Gatlin and to the members of the
43 Capitol Press Corps.