

By: Representatives Flaggs, Banks, Clarke

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THADS SHARON BRIDGES, SR., AND EXPRESSING
3 DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Thads Sharon Bridges, born July 28, 1949, in
5 Houston, Texas, departed this earthly life causing great sorrow
6 and loss to his family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, the first Black banker in the State of Mississippi,
8 Mr. Bridges was Chief Financial Officer of the Arena C. Mattory
9 Community Health Center; and

10 WHEREAS, instrumental in the organization and start up of
11 several business organizations such as the National Business
12 Leader, he used his expertise to move into Health Care Industrial
13 and served as Deposit Guaranty National Bank's financial advisor
14 during his 15 years of employment with the establishment; and

15 WHEREAS, he was a devoted member of the New Fellowship
16 Baptism Church, where he served as minority leader and trustee, in
17 addition to being a 33rd degree Mason and a life member of Phi
18 Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Bridges was married to the former Betty Joyce
20 Mathis and they were blessed with four children: Thads, Jr.,
21 Nicholas, Michael and Candice, all of whom will miss him dearly
22 but will cherish his memory eternally; and

23 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the
24 lives of such outstanding individuals as Mr. Bridges, whose life
25 and accomplishments served as a beacon of hope and inspiration:

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
27 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING

28 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life of Mr. Thads Sharon
29 Bridges, Sr., and express deepest sympathy to his family and
30 friends upon his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
32 furnished to the family of Mr. Bridges and to the members of the
33 Capitol Press Corps.