

By: Representatives Thomas, Reynolds, Capps, To: Rules
Espy, Harrison, Huddleston, Whittington

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JACK
2 E. HARPER, JR., AND EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND
3 FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Jack E. Harper, Jr., of Indianola, Mississippi,
5 departed this earthly life on Thursday, January 1, 2004, causing
6 great sorrow and loss to his family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Harper, a graduate of Sunflower Community
8 College, received his bachelor of laws and juris doctorate degrees
9 from the University of Mississippi and began the practice of law
10 in Indianola before his election as Chancery Clerk of Sunflower
11 County; and

12 WHEREAS, he served in the United States Marine Corps as an
13 officer in the Pacific Theater during World War II and in the
14 Mississippi Army National Guard during the Korean War; and

15 WHEREAS, having a rich history of service, Mr. Harper served
16 as Chancery Clerk of Sunflower County for 44 years before his
17 retirement in 2000, yet he continued to remain active in and
18 throughout the Indianola community and was named the Morris Lewis,
19 Jr., Citizen of the Year; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Harper was involved in a vast array of
21 organizations, including having served as President of the
22 Sunflower County Bar Association, Commander of the Indianola
23 American Legion and VFW Posts, President of Mississippi Chancery
24 Clerk's Association, Lions Club, Indianola Chamber of Commerce,
25 board member for Mississippi Delta Community College, and the
26 Delta Area Council-Boy Scouts of America, in addition to others;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, a devoted member of the First United Methodist
29 Church, where he served as Sunday School superintendent for a
30 number of years, Mr. Harper will be sorely missed by those who
31 knew and loved him best, including, his wife, Rose Oliver Harper;
32 daughter, Semonne Harper Strawbridge; sons, Jack E. Harper III,
33 Robert Harris Harper, Dr. William Bransford Harper; and four
34 grandchildren; and

35 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the
36 lives of such outstanding Mississippians as Mr. Harper, whose
37 meritorious contributions made a profound impact on the lives of
38 the many citizens of Indianola:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
41 commend the life and accomplishments of Mr. Jack E. Harper, Jr.,
42 and extend deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his
43 passing.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 furnished to the family of Mr. Harper and to the members of the
46 Capitol Press Corps.