

By: Representative Watson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 50

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MRS. VON KYLE HERSEY AND
2 EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HER
3 PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Von Kyle Hersey, born September 10, 1957, to Ms.
5 Bonnie Lee Long and Mr. Julius Nathaniel Long in Hattiesburg,
6 Mississippi, departed this life to enter into eternal rest,
7 causing great sorrow and loss to her family and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hersey confessed a hope in and accepted Christ
9 as her personal Savior at the age of fourteen, and united with the
10 Pine Grove Baptist Church; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hersey began her academic career at Earl
12 Travilion Attendance Center and graduated from the Petal Public
13 School District, thereafter she enrolled at William Carey College
14 where she matriculated to earn a bachelor of arts degree in
15 history; and

16 WHEREAS, after graduation and the commencement of her
17 professional career, she became a member of Delta Sigma Theta
18 Sorority, Inc., united in the bond of holy matrimony with
19 Roosevelt Hersey and worked with the South Mississippi Electric
20 Power Association for thirteen years before beginning her career
21 in teaching; and

22 WHEREAS, later joining the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist
23 Church, Mrs. Hersey was very active in the church congregation by
24 serving as Sunday School teacher and as an initiator of the "Kids
25 for Christ" Youth Ministry, in addition to fulfilling her
26 obligations as a secondary educator at Hattiesburg High School,
27 where she taught history, sponsored the school's Golden Misses and

28 National Beta Club and served as advisor to the Student Council;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, the life of Mrs. Hersey was as the beauty and
31 fragrance of flowers that brighten the countryside, and not lived
32 in vain, for it filled its place in the world and will forever
33 fill a place in the hearts and memories of her loved ones; and

34 WHEREAS, her soul is safe with the Heavenly Father to dwell
35 throughout eternity, we give thanks to Almighty God for Mrs.
36 Hersey's life, and honor her legacy along with her survivors
37 including: a loving husband, Roosevelt Hersey; children, Brandi,
38 Britti'ney and Brandon; mother, Bonnie Lee Long; two aunts, Ms.
39 Annie L. Cole and Ms. Irma L. Williams; two uncles, Joe Myers and
40 Donnie F. Myers; siblings, Larry Myers, Brenda Stallworth, JoAnn
41 (Jerry) Aultman, Yvonne (Donnis) Boochie and Darlene (Dennis)
42 Mallet; her second family, including father, Johnny B. (Betty)
43 Hopson; brother, Jonathan (Kim) Hopson; sister, Ms. Haley Hopson;
44 mother-in-law, Gladys Bullock; sisters-in-law, Rena Gaye and
45 Melissa Hersey; special friends, Mary Jones and Andrelle
46 Nicholson; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
48 commend the lives of remarkable Mississippians, such as Mrs.
49 Hersey, whose life touched and changed the countenance of many:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
51 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
52 commend the life of Mrs. Von Kyle Hersey and express our deepest
53 sympathy to her family and friends upon her passing.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Mrs. Hersey's husband, Mr. Roosevelt Hersey, to
56 cherish on behalf of the family and to the members of the Capitol
57 Press Corps.