

By: Representative Patterson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
2 ARTHUR MICHAEL GILL, AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY
3 AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Arthur Michael Gill departed this earthly life on
5 Monday, March 29, 2004, causing great sorrow and loss to his
6 family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, an upstanding citizen of the Biloxi, Mississippi,
8 community, Mr. Gill was a well-known athlete in the community,
9 noted for his membership on the 1962 undefeated Biloxi High School
10 Championship Team, recipient of the 1962 Shrimp Bowl Outstanding
11 Lineman Trophy and longstanding Biloxi High School record holder
12 for shot put; and

13 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Mr. Gill enrolled
14 at the University of Southern Mississippi where he played football
15 on the collegiate level for four years as a defensive tackle and
16 served as defensive captain his senior year; and

17 WHEREAS, at the close of his collegiate career, he was
18 drafted by the Green Bay Packers, but instead elected to play in
19 the Canadian League for the Hamilton Tiger Cats; and

20 WHEREAS, after his professional career, Mr. Gill entered the
21 teaching profession as a coach before gaining employment with the
22 United States Army as a Recreational Specialist; and

23 WHEREAS, working his way through the ranks of civil service,
24 by the time of his retirement in 1993, he had obtained the status
25 of General Manager of Recreation and Other Services, serving at
26 various military installations, including Fort Campbell, Kentucky;

27 Alton, Illinois; Bamburg, Germany; Iwakuni, Japan; and South
28 Korea; and

29 WHEREAS, after his retirement from federal service, Mr. Gill
30 worked for the Biloxi Port Commission, Harrison County, and more
31 recently, for the Mississippi Department of Transportation; and

32 WHEREAS, though he has departed this earthly life, his memory
33 will forever be cherished by his loved ones, including his wife,
34 Pamela, three daughters, two grandchildren and a host of other
35 relatives and friends; and

36 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
37 recognize the lives of such outstanding Mississippians as Mr.
38 Gill, who was a devout and upstanding man:

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. Arthur Michael Gill
42 and express 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 his wife, Mrs. Pamela Gill, and to the members of the
46 Capitol Press Corps.