

By: Representatives Carlton,  
Holland, Pierce, Vince, Coleman  
(65th), Ishee

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND  
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PATRICK F. TAYLOR AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST  
3 SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Patrick F. Taylor, Chairman, President, CEO and  
5 owner of Taylor Energy Company and creator of the Taylor Plan  
6 (TOPS), departed this life on Friday, November 5, 2004, to enter  
7 into eternal rest, causing great sorrow and loss to his family and  
8 friends; and

9 WHEREAS, born January 12, 1937, in Beaumont, Texas, to the  
10 late Alex Taylor and Sibyl Partin Taylor Gayman, Mr. Taylor lived  
11 a life full of magnificent accomplishments, receiving his  
12 education at Kinkaid School in Houston, Texas, before attending  
13 Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, where he joined the  
14 Marine Corps PLC officer-training program during his sophomore  
15 year; and

16 WHEREAS, after graduating from LSU with a degree in petroleum  
17 engineering, Mr. Taylor entered employment with Texas oilman, John  
18 Mecom, before forming his own consulting and production company  
19 and subsequently founding Taylor Energy Company in New Orleans;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, a successful oilman, inspiring leader and a  
22 prominent citizen in the community, Mr. Taylor wholly committed  
23 himself to the ideal that every young person in the United States  
24 should have the opportunity to achieve a quality education; and

25 WHEREAS, a staunch advocate for affording underprivileged and  
26 financially encumbered students the opportunity to attend college,  
27 Mr. Taylor conceived and prepared legislation for Louisiana to

28 provide for state-paid college tuition for academically qualified  
29 students, which was adopted and signed into law on July 10, 1989,  
30 becoming known as the "Taylor Plan"; and

31 WHEREAS, in 1986 he founded the Patrick F. Taylor Foundation,  
32 a philanthropic organization benefiting education, law  
33 enforcement, military, community charitable organizations and  
34 other humanitarian efforts; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor received numerous awards and honors from  
36 many organizations, including: the United States Marine Corps,  
37 Marine Forces Reserve, Marine Corps League, Department of the  
38 Navy, Veterans of Foreign Wars, United States Olympic Committee,  
39 Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, National  
40 Brotherhood of Christians and Jews, NAACP, Urban League, Society  
41 of Petroleum Engineers, Caring Institute, Kiwanis International,  
42 Rotary International, Volunteers of America, Freedoms Foundation  
43 of Valley Forge and the National Football League; and

44 WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II bestowed upon him the Medal of  
45 Benemerente, the highest award given by the Vatican to a  
46 non-Catholic; and

47 WHEREAS, in addition to his numerous awards and honors, Mr.  
48 Taylor received several honorary doctorates from colleges and  
49 universities across the United States; and

50 WHEREAS, hailed as a strong community pillar, Mr. Taylor is  
51 survived by his wife, Mrs. Phyllis Miller Taylor, to whom he was  
52 married for 39 years; brother, Michael P. Taylor; and sister,  
53 Barbara G. Stevenson; and

54 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
55 and commend excellence in the lives of outstanding humanitarians  
56 such as Mr. Taylor, whose life was a pinnacle of giving and  
57 excellence, and served as a beacon of hope and inspiration for  
58 all:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
60 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING

61 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and accomplishments of  
62 Mr. Patrick F. Taylor and express deepest sympathies to his family  
63 and friends upon his passing.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
65 furnished to the family of Mr. Patrick F. Taylor and to the  
66 members of the Capitol Press Corps.