

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
2 MRS. ALMETA COVINGTON SNOWDEN AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO
3 HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Almeta Covington Snowden departed this earthly
5 life on Tuesday, December 21, 2004, at the age of 89, to enter
6 into eternal rest, causing great sorrow and loss to her family and
7 friends; and

8 WHEREAS, born in the Bailey Community on June 17, 1915, the
9 daughter of Thomas Linton Covington and Ruby Mae Gibson Covington,
10 Mrs. Snowden, during her high school years, was an outstanding
11 athlete, twice selected for All-State basketball honors at Center
12 High School, once scored more than 60 points in a single game and
13 led the team to the State Championship in 1934 and a runner-up
14 finish in 1935; and

15 WHEREAS, upon her graduation from Center High School, she
16 married her high school sweetheart, Elton Monroe Snowden, and for
17 49 years they operated E.M. Snowden's Shell Service Station in
18 downtown Meridian; and

19 WHEREAS, a faithful Christian whose entire life exemplified
20 love for her Lord and her church, Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church,
21 Mrs. Snowden worked diligently in many capacities, including
22 working with Sunday School, Training Union, choirs, children's
23 ministries and the missions organization; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Snowden loved music and was beloved by her
25 family and friends, who will cherish her memory forever; and

26 WHEREAS, preceded in death in 2002 by her husband of 67
27 years, Mrs. Snowden's memory will continue to warm the hearts of

28 her survivors, including: children, Dr. Gail Snowden Hasson
29 (John), Gloria Snowden Hilliard (Michael) and Representative Greg
30 Snowden (Renee); six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; six
31 sisters; two brothers; and a host of other relatives and friends;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
34 commend excellence in the lives of such notable Mississippians as
35 Mrs. Snowden, whose life served as a beacon of light, inspiration
36 and encouragement, and whose love of life and humanity transcended
37 all barriers:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
40 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and legacy of Mrs.
41 Almeta Covington Snowden and express deepest sympathy to her
42 family and friends upon her passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to the family of Mrs. Snowden and to the members of the
45 Capitol Press Corps.