

By: Representatives Coleman (65th),
Blackmon, Smith (27th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. MARIAH S.
2 GRIFFIN AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS
3 UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mariah S. Griffin, born on January 21, 1920,
5 departed this earthly life to enter into eternal rest with her
6 heavenly father on January 12, 2005, causing great sorrow and loss
7 to her family and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, a native of Canton, Mississippi, and the third
9 oldest of eight children, Mrs. Griffin commenced her formal
10 education at Tougaloo College, where she received her bachelor of
11 science degree in business education; and

12 WHEREAS, having committed more than 39 years as a state
13 educator in the Madison County School District as an elementary
14 school teacher at the Mt. Pilgrim School, Old Camden School and
15 Velma Jackson Elementary School, Mrs. Griffin also served as a
16 board member of the Madison City School District while extending
17 her education with a master of science degree in education; and

18 WHEREAS, united in holy matrimony to Durham Griffin, Mrs.
19 Griffin's union with her husband was blessed with three children
20 and eight grandchildren, who supported and encouraged her in all
21 her endeavors as she served on the Madison County School Board,
22 Retired Teacher's Association, State Baptist Convention, Heroines
23 of Jericho and the Madison-Leake County Baptist Association; and

24 WHEREAS, her friends and family find comfort in knowing that
25 Mrs. Griffin's belief in the promises of God was made manifest
26 throughout her entire life and the steadfastness, loving kindness

27 and the sincere love of Christ gave evidence of her adherence and
28 obedience to God's word; and

29 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
30 recognize and commend the life of such an outstanding
31 Mississippian as Mrs. Griffin, who lived her life so as to be an
32 inspiration and template of perseverance, determination and hard
33 work:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
35 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
36 commend the life and legacy of Mrs. Mariah Griffin and express
37 deepest sympathy to her family and friends upon her passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 furnished to the family of Mrs. Griffin and to the members of the
40 Capitol Press Corps.