

By: Representative Robinson (63rd)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR.
2 CHARLIE KNOTT, JR., AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY
3 AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Charlie Knott, Jr., born March 7, 1911, in
5 Pocahontas, Mississippi, to the late Mr. Charlie Knott, Sr., and
6 Ms. Estella Greenfield, the oldest of sixteen children, departed
7 this earthly life to enter into eternal rest with his heavenly
8 father, causing great loss to his family and friends; and

9 WHEREAS, known as "Little Charlie," he grew up on E.K. Milton
10 Plantation in Pocahontas, where he worked with his father as a
11 farmer until marrying in 1935; and

12 WHEREAS, having a rich ethnic history, Mr. Knott's paternal
13 grandparents were Ms. Jane Bryant and Mr. Paul Knott, Sr., who was
14 a Black Greek Indian, and his maternal grandparents were Ms. Laura
15 Britton and Mr. Isaiah Greenfield, who was a native of Ireland;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Knott attended Mt. Hayes Elementary School in
18 Pocahontas and later moved to Jackson in 1925, where he attended
19 Smith Robinson School; and

20 WHEREAS, during his stay in Jackson, he met his guardian
21 angel, Josie Lee Miller, whom he later married on February 23,
22 1935, at the Hinds County Circuit Clerk's office, and to their
23 union five children were born: Shirley, Charlie C., Lessie B.,
24 Lawrence Lee and Charles T.; and three others adopted: Beatrice
25 Miller, Mary Harris and Mary Moore; and

26 WHEREAS, living on Freeman Gale Farm for 44 years, where he
27 raised his children and two grandchildren, Mr. Knott gained

28 employment with Barnes Brother Nursery in 1941, and worked there
29 until retiring at age 62; and

30 WHEREAS, the proud grandfather of 46 grandchildren, 68
31 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great-grandchildren, Mr. Knott
32 was a member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church for over 60
33 years, having served as president of the usher board, chairman of
34 the finance committee and chairman of deacon board; and

35 WHEREAS, having dedicated his entire life to God and his
36 family, Mr. Knott was an inspiration to many who shared in his
37 life as he walked with pride, imparting love, wisdom, and
38 knowledge among his family, friends and community; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
40 commend the lives of such an amazing individual as Mr. Knott,
41 whose life was a testament of good will toward men and whose
42 legacy will continue to be a beacon for the guidance and
43 inspiration of his family:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
46 commend the life of Mr. Charlie Knott, Jr., and express deepest
47 sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
49 furnished to the family of Mr. Charlie Knott, Jr., and to the
50 members of the Capitol Press Corps.