

By: Senator(s) Jackson (11th), Simmons

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE  
2 OF QUITMAN COUNTY JUSTICE COURT JUDGE, JAMES EDWARD HARRIS, AND  
3 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE ON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Quitman County Justice Court Judge (Northern  
5 District), James Edward Harris, passed away on Friday, January 14,  
6 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, Judge Harris was a native of Marks, Mississippi; he  
8 was a graduate of Quitman County High School, received his  
9 Bachelors Degree from Jackson State University, attended the  
10 Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and  
11 Leadership Development at Tougaloo College; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Harris was an inspiration to all fellow  
13 members of the Mount Zion M.B. Church, where he served as Chairman  
14 of the Deacon Board, Superintendent of Sunday School, Chairman of  
15 the Retention Committee, Sunday School Teacher and member of the  
16 Mass Choir and Male Chorus; and

17 WHEREAS, prior to his election in November 2003, Judge Harris  
18 was a law enforcement professional with over 24 years of law  
19 enforcement, correctional and senior management experience; and

20 WHEREAS, beginning in 1995 he served as Senior Manager of  
21 Operation and Security for the Shelby County, Tennessee, Division  
22 of Corrections, having general supervision of approximately 600  
23 correctional professionals and the care and custody of 3500  
24 inmates, handling a \$15 Million operational budget, representing  
25 Shelby County Government in labor negotiations with employees, and  
26 representing the division in matters before Criminal and General  
27 Session Courts; prior to this position, Judge Harris served as

28 Senior Manager of the Mark Luttrell Reception Center, Tennessee  
29 Department of Corrections; prior to this position, he served as  
30 Unit Supervisor for the maximum security unit at the Arkansas  
31 Department of Corrections in Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and prior to  
32 this position, he served as Senior Manager for Security Personnel  
33 and the Inmate Disciplinary Program at the Mississippi Department  
34 of Corrections, and was employed at a privately contracted job  
35 corps center in Jackson, Mississippi; and prior to this service,  
36 Judge Harris served as a Correction Officer at the Mississippi  
37 State Penitentiary; he began his career teaching physical  
38 education classes at the Quitman County Junior High School; and

39 WHEREAS, Judge Harris leaves as survivors a devoted friend,  
40 Alma Harris; one daughter, Tracy (Clarence) White; one son,  
41 Anthony (Teresa) Harris; one sister, Zelma H. Cole; brothers  
42 Luster Harris and Willie Harris; four grandchildren, C.J.,  
43 Tameeriah, Anthony, Jr. and Joshua; nieces, cousins and many  
44 close friends; and

45 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this  
46 public official and dedicated public servant who was an asset to  
47 his community and to the State of Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life and dedicated  
50 public service of Quitman County Justice Court Judge James Edward  
51 Harris, of Marks, Mississippi, and express to his surviving family  
52 the sympathy of the Senate on his passing.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
54 the surviving family of Judge Harris and be made available to the  
55 Capitol Press Corps.