

By: Senator(s) Chaney, Tollison, Michel,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND WITNESS OF MRS. GLORIA
2 "GLO" THAMES BOTTOM, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE
3 LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, Gloria Thames "Glo" Bottom died Tuesday, October 26,
5 2004, at the age of 93; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bottom was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi. She
7 was a founding charter member of the Vicksburg Theatre Guild and
8 was an original "can-can cutie" in the melodrama "Gold in the
9 Hills." She was cast as the lead in "Holiday," the first
10 three-act play performed by the theater group. She also directed
11 plays. She was an officer in the Vicksburg Book Club and was a
12 member of the League of Women Voters; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bottom was a member of the Church of the Holy
14 Trinity, where she taught Sunday School, led the Episcopal Young
15 Churchmen, served as President of the Episcopal Church Women and
16 became the first woman to be elected as a member of the Vestry.
17 She was in Cursillo at the Diocesan level and served as President
18 of the Episcopal Church Women of Mississippi. She was also the
19 first woman to serve on the Diocesan Executive and Diocesan
20 Standing Committees and to serve as a delegate to the Episcopal
21 General Convention and was the oldest Episcopalian in the Diocese
22 of Mississippi to take the four-year Education for Ministry Course
23 through the University of the South and near the end of her life,
24 she authored "A Thankful and Joyful Heart," which was published by
25 the Episcopal Church nationwide; and

26 WHEREAS, nationally, she served on the Standing Commission on
27 World Missions and voted in the General Convention of 1976 that

28 authorized the ordination of women in the Episcopal Church. She
29 was a member of the Stewardship Committee of Christ Church in Lake
30 Oswego, Oregon, where she had been a resident for the past eight
31 years; and

32 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband,
33 Admiral John T. Bottom, her parents, two sisters and a brother.
34 She is survived by a son, John T. Bottom III, daughter-in-law,
35 Julie Bottom, and granddaughter, Sophie Rose Bottom, of Lake
36 Oswego, Oregon; nephews, including Kenneth A. Wright of Lake
37 Bluff, Illinois, and Lee Davis Thames of Vicksburg, Mississippi;
38 and other relatives; and

39 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this
40 individual who was an icon of the arts in the City of Vicksburg,
41 Mississippi:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life of Mrs. Gloria
44 "Glo" Thames Bottom, founder of the Vicksburg Theatre Guild and
45 original cast member of the Vicksburg melodrama "Gold in the
46 Hills," and extend to her surviving family the sympathy of the
47 Legislature on her passing.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
49 the family of Mrs. Gloria Bottom and be made available to the
50 Capitol Press Corps.