

By: Representatives McBride,
Morris, Burnett, Masterson,
Reynolds, Woods, Akins

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF
2 SHERIFF DAVID MARION BRYAN AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS
3 FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, David Marion Bryan, known as "North Mississippi
5 Number One" for his diligence in getting any job done during his
6 almost three decades of service, was elected Sheriff of Panola
7 County in 1975, serving eight terms for a total of 28 years; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of University High School in Oxford,
9 Mississippi, where he lettered in three sports, Sheriff Bryan
10 attended Northwest Mississippi Junior College and graduated from
11 the University of Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, prior to election to the office of Sheriff of Panola
13 County, Sheriff Bryan taught and coached at Corinth High School
14 for one year and at South Panola High School for twelve years; and

15 WHEREAS, as Sheriff of Panola County, Sheriff Bryan was a
16 charter and lifetime member of the Mississippi Sheriff's Boys and
17 Girls Ranches, a member of the Mississippi Sheriff's Association
18 since 1976, a member of the National Sheriff's Association and
19 served as President of the Panola County Law Enforcement Officers
20 Association and of the Mississippi Sheriff's Association; and

21 WHEREAS, having served on the governor's search committee to
22 select a medical examiner, Criminal Justice Board, Board of
23 Minimum Standards of Law Enforcement Training and the United
24 States Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee,
25 Sheriff Bryan was selected as Mississippi Officer of the Year and
26 recipient of the "Going Beyond the Call of Duty" award in 1985;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, at the time of his untimely passing on April 23,
29 2005, Sheriff Bryan was serving on the Advisory Board for the
30 Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, the Homeland Security Advisory
31 Committee, the Anti-Terrorism Task Force for the United States
32 Attorney's Office and the Panola County TRIAD; and

33 WHEREAS, the 2004 Civitan International Citizen of the Year,
34 Sheriff Bryan leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Ida Margaret
35 Bryan; three children, Dana Elizabeth, Olivia Leigh and Joel
36 Mathis; mother, Alta Jo Cook Bryan; three sisters, a brother and
37 seven grandchildren; and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
39 and commend the life of such a remarkable individual as Sheriff
40 Bryan, who never sought praise or recognition for his work, but
41 rather took quiet pride in serving the community to the best of
42 his ability:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
45 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life of Sheriff David
46 Marion Bryan and express our deepest sympathy to his family and
47 friends upon his passing.

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