

By: Representatives Flaggs,
Masterson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HARRY
2 R. GILLESPIE AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND
3 FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Harry R. Gillespie, born June 27, 1905, in
5 Palestine, Texas, departed this earthly life to enter into eternal
6 rest with his heavenly father, causing great sorrow and loss to
7 his family and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, a dairy farmer who moved to Vicksburg, Mississippi,
9 in 1954, where he remained for 51 years, Mr. Gillespie, who still
10 considered himself a Texan (and a Mississippian of course), became
11 manager of Valley Mills; and

12 WHEREAS, aspiring to become a professional opera singer, Mr.
13 Gillespie decided to make a living as a dairy farmer after an
14 unfortunate house fire destroyed his music and tuxedo; and

15 WHEREAS, following his love of theater, Mr. Gillespie became
16 active in Vicksburg Little Theater, starred in "Gold in the
17 Hills", performing for many years on the Sprague and later served
18 as president of Little Theater and manager of Cedar Grove under
19 the operation of Little Theater; and

20 WHEREAS, having married his first wife, Madge Hanson, at 19
21 years of age, they reared three children, Hal, Susan and John;
22 eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren together before
23 her passing after 67 year of marriage; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Gillespie remarried in 1993 to Edna Earle
25 Whitaker, was active in Vicksburg Rotary, served as President and
26 was Chairman of Rotary Information until 1996; and

27 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
28 commend the life of such a visible and hardworking individual as
29 Mr. Gillespie, whose life touched many in a significant manner:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
32 commend the life of Harry R. Gillespie and express our deepest
33 sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
35 furnished to the family of Mr. Gillespie and to the members of the
36 Capitol Press Corps.