

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE, LEGACY,
2 ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MRS. DANITA JOY LITTLE JONES AND
3 EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HER
4 PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Danita Joy Little Jones, born September 27,
6 1960, to Harriet O. Keys and Reuben R. Little in Tuscaloosa,
7 Alabama, a fourth generation O'Rourke descendant and Choctaw
8 Indian royalty, departed this earthly life on Tuesday, June 14,
9 2005, to enter into eternal rest with her heavenly father, causing
10 great sorrow and loss to her family and friends; and

11 WHEREAS, a distinguished lady of profound stature, prominence
12 and respect, Danita attended the Meridian Public Schools and
13 graduated from Meridian High School, expanding her educational
14 enhancement by attending Meridian Junior College (now Meridian
15 Community College), earning an A.A. degree and a B.A. degree from
16 Jackson State University; and

17 WHEREAS, following in her family's tradition of serving
18 others through public service, Danita's entire professional career
19 of 23 years was spent at the Mississippi House of Representatives
20 serving the citizens of the state in various capacities; and

21 WHEREAS, a zealous and dedicated pillar of humanitarianism,
22 Danita's professional career was highlighted by the numerous
23 civic, educational, social and religious organizations to which
24 she enjoyed spending time and actively engaged, including: the
25 Greater Mount Calvary Senior Usher Board, Rho Lambda Omega Chapter
26 of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., H.M. Thompson Court #242A and
27 Treasurer of Just Between Girlfriends Book Club; and

28 WHEREAS, an infectious spirit and advocate of truth, Danita,
29 whose earthly sun has set to rise anew in life's glorious eternity
30 to lighten her path as she has now traversed the rivers of life to
31 await the Lamb's Book of Life to be opened; and

32 WHEREAS, though her physical presence is no longer with us,
33 the spirit of beauty, love, sincerity and humbleness, which was
34 the essence of her life permeating the atmosphere like a fragrant
35 rose, will continue to flourish in the lives of her loved ones,
36 who will forever cherish her legacy and memory: husband,
37 Reginald; mother, Harriet O. Keys; father, Reuben R. Little;
38 sisters, Martha O'Rourke-Arrow and Cynthia L. Kelker (Michael);
39 brothers, Dr. Reuben "Roy" Little II (Tenika) and Rufus "Ray"
40 Little III, Esquire; niece, Imani; nephews, Adam, Nicholas, Reese
41 and Royce; grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Little; stepmother,
42 Margaret D. Little; stepdaughter, Ariel Jones; mother-in-law,
43 Robbie Jones; three aunts, two uncles and a host of other
44 relatives and friends; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the
46 life of such a well-loved and admired individual as Danita, whose
47 life and work were testamentary of her passion to be of service
48 and assistance to others, truly living the motto: "If I could
49 help somebody as I pass along. If I can cheer somebody with a
50 word or song. If I can show somebody that he's traveling wrong.
51 Then my living shall not be in vain.":

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
53 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
54 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life, achievements and
55 contributions of this giant of a woman, Mrs. Danita Joy Little
56 Jones, and express our deepest sympathy to her family and friends
57 upon her passing.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
59 furnished to the family of Mrs. Danita Jones and to the members of
60 the Capitol Press Corps.