

By: Representatives Perkins, Cockerham,  
Johnson, Middleton

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MR. ADOLPH  
2 GAYLOR AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE UPON HIS  
3 PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Adolph Gaylor was born on March 16, 1924, and  
5 departed this life on January 19, 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, he was the son of the late Samuel O. Gaylor and  
7 Irene Gaylor of Jefferson County, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, he was also the devoted husband of the late Jessie  
9 Beatrice Bland for 58 years, and a devoted father to five  
10 children: Patricia, Adolph, Genoise, Tylan and Tony, born to  
11 their loving union; and

12 WHEREAS, although he accepted Christ at an early age, he was  
13 baptized by the late Reverend A.M. Drake and joined the Milford  
14 Missionary Baptist Church; and

15 WHEREAS, as a member of the church, he held a number of  
16 positions such as, deacon, Sunday School teacher, choir member and  
17 church treasurer; member of the M.B.P.F.B. Society; Milford  
18 Brotherhood Club; Deacon Progressive Club; and Clover Hill Masonic  
19 Lodge #13; and

20 WHEREAS, not only was he active in the church, he was active  
21 in many organizations throughout the community, including  
22 membership in the Natchez Business and Civic League, the National  
23 Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and  
24 Secretary of the Port Commission for 10 years; and

25 WHEREAS, he also made history with the Natchez-Adams County  
26 Port Commission when, in 1976, he became the first African  
27 American appointee to the commission; and

28           WHEREAS, Mr. Gaylor was an astute businessman when, in 1964,  
29 he established Gaylor's Auto Repair Service, and remained a pillar  
30 of the business community for over 35 years; and

31           WHEREAS, he leaves eight grandchildren, four  
32 great-grandchildren and a host of other family members and friends  
33 to cherish his memory; and

34           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the  
35 lives of our state's citizens:

36           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
38 THEREIN, That we commend the life of Mr. Adolph Gaylor and express  
39 our sympathy upon his passing.

40           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
41 furnished to the family of Mr. Adolph Gaylor and to the members of  
42 the Capitol Press Corps.