By: Representative Perkins

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 77

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MRS. BERTHA MAE PAYNE AND 1 EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY UPON HER PASSING. 2 3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bertha Mae Payne was born May 15, 1909, to Mrs. 4 Mary Irene Robinson Ball and Mr. Payton Ball in Holmes County, Mississippi, and departed this life in 2006; 5 6 WHEREAS, a native Mississippian, Mrs. Payne received her 7 educational training at Spring Valley Public Schools in Cruger, 8 Mississippi; and 9 WHEREAS, her spiritual needs were served while she was a member of New Jerusalem M.B. Church in Itta Bena, Mississippi; and 10 11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Payne wed twice during her lifetime; and WHEREAS, she was united in holy matrimony to her first 12 husband, Mr. Herbert Williams, in 1928; and 13 WHEREAS, later in life, she wed her second husband in holy 14 15 matrimony, Mr. Jessie Payne, Sr., in 1946; and WHEREAS, she is survived by 11 children; and 16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Payne was sadly preceded in death by two of her 17 children; and 18 WHEREAS, her family and many friends will cherish the 19 20 memories they experienced with Mrs. Payne while she was on earth; 21 and WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to 22 23 commend the lives of Mississippians such as Mrs. Bertha Mae Payne: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF 24 25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life of Mrs. Bertha Mae Payne and express deepest 26 sympathy to her family and friends upon her passing. 27 *HR40/R2055* 77 H. R. No. N1/2 06/HR40/R2055 PAGE 1 ($GT \setminus BD$)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to the family of Mrs. Bertha Mae Payne and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.