

By: Representatives Banks, Holland, Buck,
Turner, Franks

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 112

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LEE COUNTY
2 EDUCATOR AND ADMINISTRATOR HARRY L. GRAYSON, SR., AND EXPRESSING
3 DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Harry Lewis Grayson, Sr., a dedicated educator and
5 administrator who contributed more than 42 years to the
6 educational systems of Tupelo and Lee County, departed this
7 earthly life on Saturday, February 18, 2006, to enter into eternal
8 rest, causing great sorrow and loss to his family and friends; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of the former Eason High School in
10 Corinth, Mr. Grayson attended Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee,
11 before earning his B.A. degree from Rust College and subsequently
12 his M.A. degree in administration from Jackson State University;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, a man with a devout presence, who exuded respect on
15 every level, he exemplified himself as a proven leader time and
16 time again as evidenced by his 42-year career in education, from
17 humble beginnings as teacher and coach to his more practical role
18 as a principal in which he displayed his interpersonal skill and
19 leadership as an administrator; and

20 WHEREAS, having worked in a teacher or administrative
21 capacity at Lowe's High School, Poplar High School, Green Street
22 Elementary School and George Washington Carver High School, Mr.
23 Grayson also lent his educational knowledge to his church, Spring
24 Hill M.B. Church, where in addition to being the oldest deacon, he
25 was also a Sunday School teacher, choir member and trustee; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Grayson had several affiliations to his credit,
27 including: the Young Democratic Club of Mississippi, the NAACP,

28 the Tupelo Civic Improvement Club, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity,
29 Inc., Colored Benevolent Society, State and National Funeral
30 Directors and Mortician Associations, Community Development
31 Foundation and Exalted Ruler of the Henry Hampton Elks Lodge No.
32 782; and

33 WHEREAS, for his hard work in the Tupelo community, Mr.
34 Grayson was honored during Black History Month with the
35 Trailblazer Award from the Temple of Compassion and Deliverance
36 Church; and

37 WHEREAS, though he has traversed the chilly waters of Jordan,
38 to now stand on the golden shores of Heaven to a life anew, his
39 legacy and memory will continue to be cherished by his loving
40 survivors: wife of 54 years, Valeria Porter Grayson; sons, Harry,
41 Roy, Rodney and Charles; daughters, Mattie, Sarita and Jacque; and
42 a host of other relatives and friends; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
44 commend the life of such a diligent individual committed to the
45 cause of education and family as Mr. Grayson:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
48 commend the life and legacy of Mr. Harry Lewis Grayson, Sr., and
49 express deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his
50 passing.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
52 furnished to the family of Mr. Grayson and to the members of the
53 Capitol Press Corps.