

By: Senator(s) Michel, Pickering, Burton,
Butler, Chaney, Dawkins, Frazier, Harden,
Jackson (11th), King, Little

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 502

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF JANIE
2 ELIZABETH GAVIN GARTIN OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, WIFE OF THE LATE
3 THREE-TERM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CARROLL GARTIN, AND TO PUBLICLY
4 EXPRESS OUR BEREAVEMENT AND EXTEND OUR PERSONAL SYMPATHY AND
5 AFFECTION TO HER SURVIVING FAMILY.

6 WHEREAS, Janie Elizabeth Gavin Gartin of Laurel, Mississippi,
7 wife of the late three-term Lieutenant Governor Carroll Gartin,
8 passed away on Thursday, November 10, 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gartin was born in Ovett, Mississippi, and grew
10 up in Richton and Stafford Springs. She attended Visitation
11 Academy in Mobile, Alabama, and furthered her education at the
12 University of Alabama where she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta
13 Sorority. She graduated from the University of Mississippi with a
14 B.A. Degree; and

15 WHEREAS, she married Laurel Attorney Carroll Gartin, who
16 served three terms as Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi; and

17 WHEREAS, moving to Laurel after World War II, Mrs. Gartin
18 assumed an active role in all phases of community life, including
19 memberships in the Nhoula Chapter of the Daughters of the
20 American Revolution; Life Associate member of the Laurel Junior
21 Auxiliary, which honored her as Queen at its Annual Ball in 1968;
22 the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art; and the Laurel Arts League. She
23 helped organize the Northwood Garden Club and was a member of the
24 Laurel Garden Club. She received a Certificate of Appreciation
25 from the Garden Club of America. She also served on the Board of
26 Trustees of the State Garden Club. She was on the Board of
27 Directors of the YWCA; the Board of Adjustments for the Laurel
28 Zoning Board; and the Board of Trustees for William Carey College.

29 She was a member of the Official Women's Club of Mississippi and a
30 loyal member of the University of Mississippi Alumni Association.
31 She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Laurel where she
32 served in many capacities, such as Sunday School teacher,
33 President of the Baptist City Federation of the Women's Missionary
34 Union, Circle Chairman and she worked with the Girls Auxiliary;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, along with her husband, Mrs. Gartin served
37 unselfishly in the religious, educational, cultural, patriotic and
38 civic affairs of her community and state. Lt. Governor Gartin was
39 affectionately admired and respected over his many years of public
40 service and at the time of his untimely death in office, he had
41 spent his entire adult life in the service of his government,
42 including Municipal Judge, two-term Mayor, Wartime Combat Army
43 Officer, three-term Lieutenant Governor, and acting Governor
44 during his 11-year tenure; and

45 WHEREAS, she is survived by a daughter and son-in-law,
46 Patricia Gartin Blair and William Key Blair of Columbus; one son,
47 William Carroll Gartin, Jr., of Jackson; two grandchildren,
48 William Key Blair, Jr., and his wife, Sandi, of Columbus; and
49 Carroll Blair Stockett and her husband, Rob, of Jackson; a sister,
50 Anita Gavin Barfield of Jackson; a sister-in-law, Josee Gavin of
51 Jackson; and four great-grandchildren, Bentley McClain Blair and
52 Erika Lauren Dale of Columbus, and Elizabeth Blair Stockett and
53 Robert Carter Nicholas Stockett IV of Jackson; and

54 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of a
55 well-known Mississippi citizen who was respected for her devotion
56 to family, community and to the State of Mississippi:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
58 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
59 we do hereby commend the life of Janie Elizabeth Gavin Gartin,
60 wife of the late three-term Lieutenant Governor Carroll Gartin,

61 and do hereby publicly express our bereavement and extend our
62 personal sympathy and affection to her surviving family.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
64 the surviving family of Mrs. Carroll Gartin and be made available
65 to the Capitol Press Corps.