

By: Senator(s) Simmons

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
2 JOHN H. MOSLEY, SR., OF CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING THE  
3 SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, John H. Mosley, Sr., of Cleveland, Mississippi,  
5 departed this earthly life and was promoted to Glory on Wednesday,  
6 February 15, 2006, as a legacy of love and community service came  
7 to an end; and

8 WHEREAS, John H. Mosley, Sr., was the 14th of 20 children  
9 born to John and Pernella Mosley on June 7, 1921, in Boyle,  
10 Mississippi. The family relocated and John completed junior high  
11 school at Round Lake, Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, at the age of 26, he married Bertha Malone in 1947.  
13 To this marriage, six children were born, five sons and one  
14 daughter. This union lasted until her death in December 1999. He  
15 began taking care of his family by working as a farmer in Round  
16 Lake, Mississippi, and managing the plantation store. He was  
17 always looking for opportunities to better himself and provide for  
18 his family. Baxter Health Care Corporation (formerly Baxter  
19 Travenol) settled in Cleveland, Mississippi, whereby he sought  
20 employment and was hired in housekeeping. He held the distinction  
21 of being one of the first 10 African-Americans to be hired. He  
22 worked his way up to a higher paying position on the line and  
23 loading dock. Mr. Mosley also advanced his education by receiving  
24 his GED in 1975 while employed at Baxter's. He was a dependable  
25 worker for the company for 29 years, four months, and six days;  
26 and

27           WHEREAS, this gentle man was a friend to many people in the  
28 community. He had the gift of listening. He championed the  
29 struggle for civil rights and voting by becoming an active member  
30 of the National and Local Chapter of the NAACP. He was a member  
31 of the Cleveland Chapter of the 100 Black Men of the Mississippi  
32 Delta. After his retirement, he worked diligently on community  
33 service issues. A lot of times, Mr. Mosley helped his neighbors  
34 free of charge; and

35           WHEREAS, John joined the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of  
36 Shelby, Mississippi, in 1931. In 1947, he and his wife decided to  
37 join the Church of Christ (Holiness), U.S.A., whereby he  
38 maintained his membership until death; and

39           WHEREAS, he loved his church. Locally, he served as Deacon,  
40 Sunday School Superintendent, Teacher, Groundskeeper, Treasurer,  
41 Church Clerk, and HYPU Leader. He had a heart to work with  
42 children and women. For over 15 years, he gave his entire local  
43 church members a Christmas card with a monetary gift. His service  
44 to the Greenville District Church of Christ was untiring. He was  
45 the first Greenville district member to sit on the Diocese Mission  
46 Board. He held positions as District Secretary for 10 years,  
47 Treasurer for Parent Body, Mission and Sunday School for 25 years,  
48 District Sunday School Superintendent, District HYPU President,  
49 District Missionary for 12 years, Assistant Superintendent and  
50 District Superintendent. He was the only deacon to serve as  
51 District Chairman for the Greenville District; and

52           WHEREAS, Brother Mosley will be sorely missed by: Sylvester  
53 (May), Oakland, California; Richard (Bettye), Henrietta  
54 Mosley-Watson, Scottie (Alma), John Jr. (Malinda), Earnest  
55 (Sandra), all of Cleveland, Mississippi; five sisters: Geneva  
56 Mosley, Cleveland, Mississippi; Dorothy Davis and Sarah Echols,  
57 both of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Almeter (Edgar Lee) Marshall,  
58 Sikeston, Missouri; Famell Curry, Chicago, Illinois; one  
59 brother-in-law, George Smith, Omaha, Nebraska; 17 grandchildren,

60 14 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, a myriad of  
61 nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and

62 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this  
63 spiritual and community leader, whose encouragement and direction  
64 will be missed:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
66 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life and humanitarian  
67 service of John H. Mosley, Sr., of Cleveland, Mississippi, and  
68 express to his surviving family the sympathy of the Senate on his  
69 passing.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
71 Mr. Mosley's surviving family and be made available to the Capitol  
72 Press Corps.