

By: Senator(s) Walls

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF
2 CHARLES LEON MOORE, SR., OF GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, AND
3 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Leon Moore, Sr., well-known citizen,
5 community activist and City Councilman in Greenville, Mississippi,
6 has departed this earthly life on March 14, 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles Moore was a native Greenvillian who
8 dedicated his life and energy to the community and its residents;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War
11 II. After coming home and completing his high school
12 requirements, he realized he had to make a decision. Either he
13 would leave Greenville or stay and make it a better place for all
14 to live. He chose the second; and

15 WHEREAS, his goals and aspirations were achieved by the
16 following:

- 17 • Getting involved in voter registration in the 1950s;
- 18 • Getting involved with the inception of Delta Ministry in
19 Greenville in 1964;
- 20 • Helping organize the effort to bring Headstart to our
21 community in 1966;
- 22 • Helping organize the effort to integrate Greenville Public
23 Schools in 1968;
- 24 • Spearheading the organization of Herbert Lee Center where
25 civil rights meetings were held. It still exists on the
26 corner of Cately and Belaire Streets;

- 27 • Coordinating the Robert Clark for Congress in the
- 28 Washington County campaign, 1982-1984;
- 29 • Washington County Chairman Committee to elect Mike Espy,
- 30 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992;
- 31 • Chaired the committee to elect Bennie Thompson for
- 32 Washington County, 1993;
- 33 • Chaired the committee to elect Dick Molpus for Governor,
- 34 1995;
- 35 • Recipient of the Harriet Tubman Award from the Magnolia
- 36 Bar Association in 1996; and

37 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Church of Christ Holiness,
38 Past Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Past President of the
39 Greenville Travel Club, retired member of the National Association
40 of Letter Carriers (NALC) Union and the Past President of Branch
41 516 of the NALC. He was also a member of the Secretary of State
42 Dick Molphus Task Force. He filed a discrimination complaint that
43 resulted in blacks being promoted to managerial positions in the
44 U.S. Post Office. He was a member of the NAACP since 1946; and

45 WHEREAS, from the South Pacific and back to Greenville, many
46 roads were traveled. Charles' last major challenge as a
47 Greenville City Council member began as the Council Representative
48 from Ward 4 in 1990, re-elected for a four-year term in October
49 1993, and ended with his retirement in 2001 because of declining
50 health; and

51 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Alfolonia
52 Matthews-Moore; five children, Charles Leon Moore, Jr., Gregory
53 Moore, Janice Moore, Iris Moore-McGee and Stanley Moore; and three
54 grandchildren; and

55 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this
56 respected Mississippian whose contributions to his community and
57 state are a matter of record:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
59 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life and civic

60 contributions of Charles Leon Moore, Sr., of Greenville,
61 Mississippi, and express the sympathy of the Senate to his
62 surviving family on his passing.

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