

By: Representatives Janus, Guice, Palazzo,  
Patterson, Zuber

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE, LEGACY AND  
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EMILE L. "JUNIE" DESPORTE III AND EXPRESSING  
3 DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Emile L. "Junie" Desporte III departed this earthly  
5 life on Wednesday, January 3, 2007, to enter into eternal rest,  
6 causing great sorrow and loss to his family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, at 59, Mr. Desporte, a business-savvy seafood  
8 magnate, was continuing the family business, which has spanned the  
9 course of more than 100 years, turning the family owned retail  
10 outlet into a large scale operation serving the entire Mississippi  
11 Gulf Coast; and

12 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Biloxi, Mr. Desporte has been  
13 characterized as a man larger than life, who was in love with his  
14 native home, his family and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, immersing himself in his business and being an  
16 unofficial honorary ambassador for Biloxi, Mr. Desporte became  
17 synonymous with the city and his personality was magnetic; and

18 WHEREAS, a devoted pillar of strength to his family, church  
19 and community, Mr. Desporte, who was preceded in death by his son,  
20 Emile L. "Little Junie" Desporte IV, is survived by his devoted  
21 wife of 30 years, Angie Desporte; daughter, Angel Harrelson; son,  
22 Sean Desporte; parents, Emile L. Desporte, Jr., and Shirley  
23 Desporte; sister, Julie Kessen; and brother, Artie Desporte; and

24 WHEREAS, though he has transversed the river of life to now  
25 stand on golden heavenly shores, the legacy of his memory will  
26 continue to live in the hearts of his survivors; and

27           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the  
28 life of such an influential individual as Mr. Desporte, whose life  
29 was a beacon of light, strength and love:

30           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
32 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and legacy of Mr.  
33 Emile L. "Junie" Desporte III, and express deepest sympathy to his  
34 family and friends upon his passing.

35           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
36 furnished to the family of Mr. Emile L. "Junie" Desporte III and  
37 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.