

By: Representatives Smith (39th), Chism

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 62

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. SAMUEL  
2 BRITTON PLATT, JR., AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY  
3 AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel Britton Platt, Jr., born August 19, 1908,  
5 departed this earthly life on Monday, February 19, 2007, at the  
6 age of 98, causing great sorrow and loss to his family and  
7 friends; and

8 WHEREAS, a 1925 graduate of S.D. Lee High School, Dr. Platt  
9 attended Mississippi College, where he received his degree in 1928  
10 and subsequently attended Medical College of Georgia and Southern  
11 Baptist Theological Seminary; and

12 WHEREAS, dedicated to mission work, when he and his wife, due  
13 to circumstance, had their ambitions of being medical missionaries  
14 to China cut short, they spent five years performing medical work  
15 in Menlo, Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1939, Dr. Platt relocated his medical practice to  
17 Columbus, Mississippi, where he remained in practice for a period  
18 spanning more than 50 years; and

19 WHEREAS, the zeal for mission work of Dr. and Mrs. Platt  
20 flowed through their church, their medical practice and the lives  
21 of their family, who continue their legacy in worldwide mission  
22 efforts; and

23 WHEREAS, a life deacon and former men's Sunday School teacher  
24 at First Baptist Church of Columbus, Dr. Platt was a Rotarian, a  
25 member of the Golden Triangle Medical Foundation and a member of  
26 Global Outreach; and

27           WHEREAS, the first doctor in the Golden Triangle area to use  
28 the caudal anesthetic with women in childbirth, Dr. Platt became  
29 widely known for the use of this procedure and patients came from  
30 miles around to take advantage of this practice; and

31           WHEREAS, throughout his life, professional, social, civic and  
32 personal, Dr. Platt shared the support and companionship of his  
33 wife, Clara Lucas Platt, who served as his nurse and aide in the  
34 professional setting and graciously served at his side at home, in  
35 the community and in the church; and

36           WHEREAS, though he has traversed the river of life to now  
37 stand on golden heavenly shores where he will be reunited with  
38 those who have preceded him in death, the legacy of his service  
39 will live forever in the hearts of his survivors: children, Sammy  
40 Platt, Claire Platt Morris and Dr. Luke Platt; ten grandchildren;  
41 25 great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; two sisters,  
42 Lucy Mell Platt (101) and Marjorie Platt Middleton (96); and a  
43 host of other relatives and friends; and

44           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
45 commend the life of such a noble and devout individual as Dr.  
46 Platt, whose life was a testament of service and Christian  
47 courtesy to his fellowman:

48           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
50 commend the life and legacy of Dr. Samuel Britton Platt, Jr., and  
51 express deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his  
52 passing.

53           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
54 furnished to the family of Dr. Platt and to the members of the  
55 Capitol Press Corps.