

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.