

By: Representatives Mayo, Espy

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MR. HARRIS HASTINGS
2 BARNES, JR., AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND
3 FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, longtime Clarksdale resident, Harris Hastings
5 Barnes, Jr., agriculture writer-photographer extraordinaire,
6 departed this earthly life on Friday, August 25, 2006, at the age
7 of 87, to enter into eternal rest with his Heavenly Father,
8 causing great sorrow and loss to his family and friends; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Clarksdale High School and Mississippi
10 State College, Mr. Barnes enlisted in the United States Marine
11 Corps during World War II, retiring from the Marine Corps Reserve
12 in 1978 as a Colonel with 37 years of service; and

13 WHEREAS, beginning a pastime of photography in the late
14 1940s, which ultimately became a lifelong passion, Mr. Barnes'
15 love for agriculture and photojournalism birthed three
16 photojournalistic pieces: "Cotton: A Fifty Year Pictorial
17 History," published in 2002, which won two major honors, the 2004
18 Award of Merit from the Mississippi Historical Society and the
19 2006 Mississippi Author Award from the Mississippi Library
20 Association; and "The Beauty of Southern Agriculture," published
21 in 2004; and finished his third book, "The Good Ole Days," just
22 six days before his demise, which will be published in September;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes began farming after his return from the
25 War, and was honored in 1967 with the Man of the Year Award for
26 his service to southern agriculture by *Progressive Farmer*
27 *Magazine*, and was recognized this year on March 24 in a

28 collaborative effort by Carnegie Public Library, Coahoma County
29 and Mississippi State University for his journalistic
30 contributions; and

31 WHEREAS, the epitome of a Christian gentleman, Mr. Barnes'
32 love of the Lord emanated throughout his life and was strongly
33 reflected in the lives of his children as well as through his work
34 at First Presbyterian Church; and

35 WHEREAS, his presence will be greatly missed in the
36 Clarksdale community, but even more so by his loving survivors:
37 sons, Harris Barnes III, Dudley Barnes and Jim Barnes; daughter,
38 Jamye Barnes Lane; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two
39 brothers; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
41 commend the life of such a talented, giving and devout man as Mr.
42 Barnes whose contributions to the literary arena will never be
43 forgotten:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
46 commend the life, legacy and accomplishments of Mr. Harris
47 Hastings Barnes, Jr., and express deepest sympathy to his family
48 and friends upon his passing.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
50 furnished to the family of Mr. Barnes and to the members of the
51 Capitol Press Corps.