

By: Representative Straughter

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 130

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE, LEGACY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
2 OF ERNEST L. WHITE AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY
3 AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Ernest L. White, of Belzoni, Mississippi, departed
5 this earthly life on Friday, March 23, 2007, at the age of 96, to
6 enter into eternal rest, causing great sorrow and loss to his
7 family and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, one of the first civil rights leaders of Humphreys
9 County, Mr. White was an advocate and member of the NAACP who has
10 been labeled a speaker of wisdom, as he is remembered by his
11 motto: "Never say no to what will help others"; and

12 WHEREAS, he was one of the founding members of Friends of
13 Children of Mississippi, Inc., where he served as the
14 organization's vice chairman and a board member for over 30 years,
15 in addition to being a proponent of education as evidenced by his
16 board membership on the Mississippi Action for Community
17 Education; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. White was a board member of the Humphreys County
19 Farmers Corp. and the Humphreys County Union for Progress of
20 Belzoni, Mississippi, and as a result of his insight and business
21 savvy, served on the advisory committee for the Mississippi
22 Economic Development Board and the South Delta Planning and
23 Development Board; and

24 WHEREAS, the first African American elected to the office of
25 Alderman of Belzoni, Mississippi, Mr. White was committed to the
26 works of a public servant and served as a board member of the

27 Sunflower-Humphreys County for Progress and an advisory member of
28 Mississippi Legal Services; and

29 WHEREAS, having confessed an early faith in Jesus, Mr. White
30 was a longtime member of the Wolf Lake Church of Christ, serving
31 as a deacon and chairman of the deacon board for many years; and

32 WHEREAS, though he has traversed the river of life to now
33 stand on golden heavenly shores, the legacy of his memory will
34 continue to thrive in the lives of his loving survivors,

35 including: son, Dr. Vanden E. White; brother, Emmitt White;
36 sisters, Beatrice Roots, Earnestine Johnson and Selma White; one
37 grandson; and four granddaughters; and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
39 commend the life of such a selfless individual as Mr. White, whose
40 life was characterized by his service while holding fast to the
41 true meaning of a people's servant:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
44 commend the life of Mr. Ernest L. White and express deepest
45 sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
47 furnished to the family of Mr. White and to the members of the
48 Capitol Press Corps.