

By: Senator(s) Thomas, Harden, Horhn, Walls, Jordan, Jackson (32nd), Frazier, Simmons, Turner, Jackson (11th) To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF
2 MRS. JESSIE B. SIMS CONERLY OF MCCOMB, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING
3 THE SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jessie B. Sims Conerly of McComb, Mississippi,
5 mother of State Senator Kelvin Butler, departed this earthly life
6 on Sunday, March 4, 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, she was born March 14, 1934, to Luther and Mammie
8 Ellzey Sims in Magnolia, Mississippi. At an early age she joined
9 New Zion Baptist Church in Magnolia, Mississippi. She later
10 united with Society Hill Baptist Church in McComb, Mississippi;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Conerly graduated from Pike County Agricultural
13 School; Breland School of Cosmetology in Columbia, Mississippi;
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15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Conerly was very active in the Civil Rights
16 Movement in the 1960s and was the first African-American female to
17 be employed by Kellwood Company in Fernwood, Mississippi; and

18 WHEREAS, she was a licensed beautician, foster mother and
19 operated a day care from her home. Mrs. Conerly was a member of
20 Eastern Star, WMU, Women Federated Club, Elks, former member of
21 Pacesetters Club, 4-H Club Leader and Campaign Manager for her
22 son's campaign for Alderman in Magnolia (1991) and State Senator
23 for District 38 in 2003; and

24 WHEREAS, she loved her children and grandchildren and she
25 found joy cooking for her family; and

26 WHEREAS, she was united in holy matrimony to Obiedee Conerly.
27 She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Sharon

28 (Snoddy) Kitchen; five sisters, Jenell Taylor, Mammie Berry,
29 Carolyn Andrews, TeeElla Walker and Lugenia McMurty; two brothers,
30 George and Hollis Sims; one grandson, Reginald Sandifer; and one
31 daughter-in-law, Doris Butler. She leaves to cherish her memory
32 to her husband, Obiedee Conerly of Magnolia, Mississippi; two
33 sons, Senator Kelvin Butler of Magnolia, Mississippi, and
34 Bernadette Manyfield of Los Angeles, California; one daughter and
35 son-in-law, Tamra Faye and Ronnie Williams of McComb, Mississippi;
36 seven grandchildren, Kelvin, Jr., Kendric and Destiny Butler of
37 Magnolia, Mississippi, Ethan and Carleon Williams of McComb,
38 Mississippi, Joy La'Rae Bates and Dea Rene' Tobias of Magnolia,
39 Mississippi; two great-grandchildren, Kya Tion and LaTavion Butler
40 of McComb, Mississippi; nieces, nephews, other relatives and
41 friends; and

42 WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that we note the passing of
43 this Mississippi citizen whose legacy is a lifetime of selfless
44 service to her family and community:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life and civic
47 contributions of Mrs. Jessie B. Sims Conerly of McComb,
48 Mississippi, and express the sympathy of the Senate to her
49 surviving family on her passing.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
51 Senator Kelvin Butler representing the surviving family and be
52 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.