

By: Representative Johnson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE, LEGACY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
2 OF MRS. CAROLYN ANN MOSBY WEST, "THE FIRST LADY OF THE CITY OF
3 NATCHEZ" AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS
4 UPON HER PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carolyn Ann Mosby West, who was the First Lady
6 of the City of Natchez, departed this earthly life on April 19,
7 2007, at the age of 57, to enter into eternal rest, causing great
8 sorrow and loss to her caring family and many friends; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. West was born on May 30, 1950, in Washington,
10 Mississippi, to her loving parents, Charles and Thelma Mosby, and
11 being reared in Christian principles, she accepted Christ as her
12 personal savior in 1962 and joined Mount Nebo Baptist Church under
13 the leadership of Reverend T.C. Johnson; and

14 WHEREAS, an avid believer in education, Mrs. West broke
15 racial barriers by being one of the first African Americans to
16 graduate from Natchez High School in 1968; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. West married Phillip C. West, a former
18 distinguished member of the Mississippi House of Representatives
19 who is the current Mayor of the City of Natchez, on September 4,
20 1971, and early in their marriage, she joined King Solomon Baptist
21 Church and later joined Rose Hill Baptist Church, where she served
22 as an usher and made all members and visitors feel welcome with
23 her warm smile and delightful spirit; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. West continued her education after high school
25 and graduated from Southern University in 1971 with her
26 undergraduate degree and Alcorn State University, in 1994, with
27 her master of science degree in education; and

28 WHEREAS, wanting to make a meaningful difference, Mrs. West
29 was an elementary teacher for more than 34 years where she
30 influenced her young students to be productive citizens of this
31 state; and

32 WHEREAS, Mrs. West was a contributing member to several
33 organizations such as the following: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
34 Incorporated, National Education Association, the Mississippi
35 Education Association and a lifetime member of the NAACP; and

36 WHEREAS, Mrs. West was lovingly supported in all of her
37 endeavors by her husband, Mayor Phillip C. West and their
38 children, Kareem and Samuel, along with her stepdaughters, Dana
39 and Danessa; and

40 WHEREAS, although Mrs. West has crossed the river of life to
41 now stand on golden heavenly shores, the legacy of her memory will
42 continue to live in the hearts of her survivors; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
44 commend the life and accomplishments of such an inspiring
45 educator, political activist and Christian family woman as Mrs.
46 Carolyn Ann Mosby West whose life was a beacon of light and love:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
49 commend the life and legacy of Mrs. Carolyn Ann Mosby West and
50 express deepest sympathy to her family and friends upon her
51 passing.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
53 furnished to the family of Mrs. Carolyn Ann Mosby West and the
54 members of the Capitol Press Corps.