

By: Senator(s) Browning, Burton, Wilemon,
Parks, Jolly, McMahan, Bryan, Turner,
Barnett, Blackwell, Branning, Dearing,
Fillingane, Frazier, Norwood, Parker, Simmons
(12th), Simmons (13th), Stone, Jackson
(11th), Jackson (32nd), Jackson (15th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 511

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE
2 LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF FORMER SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE
3 CHANCELLOR TALMADGE D. LITTLEJOHN OF NEW ALBANY, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, the Legislature, The Mississippi Bar and the State
5 of Mississippi lost a distinguished jurist, colleague and
6 gentleman with the death of former State Senator and former
7 Representative Chancellor Talmadge D. Littlejohn of New Albany,
8 Mississippi, who passed away at the age of 80 on October 26, 2015;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, born on October 18, 1935, to the late Ivy Lee and
11 Annie Laurie Speck Littlejohn, Talmadge grew up on a farm in the
12 New Harmony Community in Union County and graduated Valedictorian
13 of New Harmony High School. Chancellor Littlejohn earned a
14 Bachelor of Arts Degree with Special Distinction and served as
15 Student Body President and Student Body Attorney at Mississippi
16 College before attending the University of Mississippi Law School;
17 and



18 WHEREAS, he served the student body of the Ole Miss Law
19 School as Attorney General and President before graduating. Soon
20 thereafter, Littlejohn began a political and judicial career that
21 spanned six decades; and

22 WHEREAS, Chancellor Littlejohn was elected to the Mississippi
23 House of Representatives at the age of 23 and the Mississippi
24 State Senate at the age of 27. He then served the Third Circuit
25 Court District of Mississippi as District Attorney for two terms.
26 Littlejohn lost a Democratic runoff for Congress in 1996; and

27 WHEREAS, while in the Legislature, Senator Littlejohn was
28 active in mental health issues and was known for the "Littlejohn
29 Amendment" under which regional Mental Health Centers were
30 established under the general supervision of the new Mississippi
31 Department of Mental Health; and

32 WHEREAS, Chancellor Littlejohn was Municipal Judge for the
33 City of New Albany from 1976 to 1992. He practiced law in New
34 Albany from 1961 to 2002 before beginning his tenure as Chancellor
35 for the First Chancery Court District. He was elected to his
36 fourth term in 2014 and served until the date of his death; and

37 WHEREAS, Chancellor Littlejohn is survived by his wife of 54
38 years, Julia Gray Littlejohn; daughters, Lisa Gault (Phil) and
39 Christy Adair (Avery); son, Bradley Littlejohn (Morgan); six
40 grandchildren: Phillip Gault, Justin Gault, Katie Allison Gault,
41 Julianne Littlejohn, Gray Littlejohn and Ivy Littlejohn; sister,
42 Ivy Jean Weeden (John); one aunt, Elaine Pannell; and many nieces



43 and nephews. Littlejohn served faithfully as a member, Deacon and
44 Sunday School Teacher at First Baptist Church, New Albany; and

45 WHEREAS, Chancellor Littlejohn lectured on professional
46 standards of the practice, including ethics, integrity, civility,
47 courtesy and adherence to the Golden Rule. His life honored both
48 The Mississippi Bar and this great state that he loved and served:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
51 we do hereby mourn the loss and commend the life and public
52 service of former Senator and Representative Chancellor Talmadge
53 D. Littlejohn of New Albany, Mississippi, and extend the
54 condolences of the Mississippi Legislature to his family.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
56 the surviving family of Chancellor Littlejohn, The Mississippi Bar
57 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

