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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 513

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE
2 LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF FORMER SENATOR ALAN MICHAEL HEFLIN OF
3 FOREST, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESS THE CONDOLENCES OF THE
4 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO HIS FAMILY.

5 WHEREAS, the Legislature and the State of Mississippi lost a
6 wonderful friend, colleague and gentleman with the death of former
7 State Senator Alan Michael Heflin (76) on September 7, 2015; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Heflin was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on
9 October 1, 1939. He spent his young adulthood in Alabama,
10 graduating from John Carroll Catholic High School in 1957, where
11 he was later nominated as an Outstanding Alumni in 2003. Mr.
12 Heflin continued his education at Saint Mary's College in Lebanon,
13 Kentucky, and graduated from Saint Bernard's College in Cullman,
14 Alabama, with a degree in Philosophy; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Heflin served and was a respected member of
16 the State Senate for two terms from 1984 to 1992, where he was
17 affectionately called "Rooster" by his colleagues; and

18 WHEREAS, while in the Senate, Senator Heflin served as
19 Chairman of the Fees, Salaries, and Administration Committee where



20 he was active in state employee health insurance issues and was
21 proactive in public education and public health policy. He was
22 known for his quick wit, generosity and his friendly personality;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Heflin went to work for the Campbell Soup
25 Company in Montgomery, Alabama, after graduation. In 1968 he
26 moved his family to Forest, Mississippi, where he lived throughout
27 his life. Animal Services, Incorporated, was started by Mr.
28 Heflin in 1973. The business served the local poultry and
29 livestock industry until 1988. He was named Mississippi Small
30 Businessman of the Year in 1976. He completed his employment
31 history with Colonial Insurance and retired from the Mississippi
32 Development Authority in 1998; and

33 WHEREAS, Alan Heflin was an avid golfer and duck hunter. He
34 enjoyed watching football on television and in Oxford,
35 Mississippi, sending his three daughters through Ole Miss. He was
36 a lifelong member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Forest.
37 Those who knew and loved Mr. Heflin will remember him as a
38 captivating storyteller and a joy to be around; and

39 WHEREAS, Mr. Heflin was preceded in death by his parents,
40 Ralph and Mildred Heflin of Birmingham, Alabama, and his
41 son-in-law, Bubba Hopkins of Jackson, Mississippi. He is survived
42 by his wife of 53 years, Peggy Jean Schilleci Heflin; and his
43 daughters: Suzanne (Hez) Hollingsworth of Brandon, Mississippi,
44 Allyson (Paul) Riser of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Kristi (Todd)



45 Clayton of Jackson, Mississippi. He is also survived by his
46 brother, Arnold Heflin, and sister, Ann Heflin, both of
47 Cartersville, Georgia; 11 grandchildren: Miller Hollingsworth,
48 Zach Hollingsworth, Hayes Riser, Stuart Riser, Leah Riser, Cameron
49 Riser, Ross Hopkins, Caroline Hopkins, Sidney Clayton, Davis
50 Clayton and Grady Clayton; four nephews; and three nieces; and

51 WHEREAS, Alan Heflin was one of the most respected members of
52 the Mississippi State Senate. He excelled in a variety of major
53 responsibilities and served the Senate, his constituents,
54 colleagues, and the State of Mississippi exceptionally well.
55 Alan's public service was exemplified by fairness and sound
56 judgment, and he set the highest standard as a leader in the
57 Mississippi Senate and as a true friend:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
59 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
60 we do hereby mourn the loss and commend the life and public
61 service of former Senator Alan Michael Heflin of Forest,
62 Mississippi, and extend the condolences of the Mississippi
63 Legislature to his family.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
65 the surviving family of former Senator Alan Michael Heflin and
66 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

