

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 659

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE PASSING OF FORMER  
2 REPRESENTATIVE AND DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY  
3 DEPARTMENT EDGAR LEE (E.L.) BOTELER, JR., OF LELAND, MISSISSIPPI,  
4 AND EXTENDING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE LEGISLATURE TO HIS SURVIVING  
5 FAMILY.

6 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of a  
7 most public-spirited citizen of Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, Edgar Lee (E.L.) Boteler, Jr., passed away in  
9 Leland, Mississippi, March 17, 2016. He was born on February 4,  
10 1920, in Grenada, Mississippi, to Edgar Lee and Irma Lucanda James  
11 Boteler. He was married to Gene Marders Boteler until her death  
12 in 1983. They had seven children and lived at Riverdale Farm, the  
13 family farm. In 1988 he married Mary Stovall Shaifer and moved to  
14 Leland, Mississippi; and

15 WHEREAS, E.L. was an accomplished farmer, woodworker and  
16 gardener. He served in the Mississippi House of Representatives  
17 from 1956 to 1972 and later became the Director of the Mississippi  
18 State Highway Department; and



19           WHEREAS, in retirement he enjoyed creating beautiful  
20 furniture for family and others. He and his wife Mary designed  
21 and cared for a home garden that served as the setting for many  
22 weddings and other social events. They welcomed many visitors and  
23 enjoyed sharing it with others. Their garden was featured in  
24 *Southern Living Magazine* and named to the *Smithsonian Archives of*  
25 *American Gardens*; and

26           WHEREAS, he served as a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian  
27 Church U.S.A. and for many years taught Sunday School, was active  
28 in Youth work and served on local church and Presbytery  
29 committees; and

30           WHEREAS, E.L. is survived by his wife, Mary Boteler; ten  
31 children: Lee Boteler (Kay), Bob Boteler (Hilda), Becky Dalton,  
32 Lovejoy Boteler (Jill), Mary Gene Boteler (Rick Nutt), Jane  
33 Pereschuk (Gary), Julie Potter (Chuck), Laura Bell (Leslie), Jodie  
34 Huddleston (Hartwell), and Sanfrid Shaifer (Stefanie); 22  
35 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren; and

36           WHEREAS, we pay tribute and cherish fondly the memory of this  
37 most public-spirited citizen of Mississippi whose enormous civic  
38 energy serves as an example to all in our state:

39           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
40 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
41 we do hereby mourn the passing of former Representative and  
42 Director of the Mississippi State Highway Department Edgar Lee



43 (E.L.) Boteler, Jr., of Leland, Mississippi, and extend the  
44 condolences of the Legislature to his surviving family.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
46 the surviving family of E.L. Boteler, and be made available to the  
47 Capitol Press Corps.

