

By: Representative Clarke

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 61

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. ANITA  
2 "JEAN" HANNON HALL AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY  
3 AND FRIENDS UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, "To everything there is a season, and a time to  
5 every purpose under the Heaven," and as such, the immaculate  
6 author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal  
7 presence of dearly beloved Dr. Anita "Jean" Hannon Hall to eternal  
8 rest, rendering great sorrow and loss to her family and friends;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the Jackson, Mississippi, community lost a great  
11 friend and educator with the passing of Dr. Hall, who was born to  
12 Norval Hugh Hannon Sr., and Alberta Van Harris Hannon on February  
13 1, 1933; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall was educated in the public schools of  
15 Escambia County, Florida, and graduated from Booker T. Washington  
16 High School, and she would continue her education at Hampton  
17 Institute, graduating with a bachelor of arts and master's in



18 1956, before later obtaining her doctorate of education at Florida  
19 State University; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall began her career as an elementary school  
21 teacher in Hampton, Virginia, and continued her professional goals  
22 as a professor of education at Bishop State College in Mobile,  
23 Alabama, before subsequently moving on to Jackson State  
24 University; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall's keen interest in educating future  
26 teachers, mentoring graduate students and selflessly offering her  
27 strength and support spoke of the boundless depths and huge  
28 expanse of her generosity and care she possessed; and

29 WHEREAS, the hallmark of Dr. Hall's career was her  
30 illustrious career at Jackson State University from 1976-2001,  
31 where she served as a professor and Department Chair of Curriculum  
32 and Instruction; and

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall married her college sweetheart, Manilus  
34 "Mack" Thomas Hall, and the joy of their blessed union was their  
35 daughter, Pamela M. Hall, who is an educator and musician; and

36 WHEREAS, in addition to her professional career, Dr. Hall was  
37 also very active in her church, Mount Helm Baptist Church in  
38 Jackson, where she served as a faithful and tireless member and  
39 the church's treasurer, and she was also active in the Mississippi  
40 Democratic Party; and

41 WHEREAS, though she has traversed the river of life to  
42 reunite with those who have preceded her in death, the legacy of



43 Dr. Hall will continue to refresh the hearts and fond memories of  
44 her beloved survivors: daughter, Pamela M. "Xami" Hall;  
45 sisters-in-law, Thelma Patricia Hannon and Itoe Hannon; cousin,  
46 Pearl Perkins; beloved nieces, Avis Hannon Payne, Uri Hannon Nash  
47 and Sakura Hannon; nephews, Makoto Hannon, Kai Hannon and Ikeda  
48 Hannon; great nieces and nephews, Quentin Bruce, Stephanie Bruce,  
49 Yoshitara Hannon, Willie Bruce, Jr., Katrell Nash, Ikenori  
50 Blackwell, Uri Sakura Blackwell, Miyuki Hannon, Sterling Nash,  
51 Jr., Iakaimi Hannon, Makito Hannon and Rod Blackwell; and many  
52 students, colleagues and friends; and

53 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
54 recognize the lives of fine Mississippians, such as Dr. Hall,  
55 whose contributions toward educating the youth of our state will  
56 forever be remembered:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
59 commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Anita "Jean" Hannon Hall,  
60 and express deepest sympathy to her friends and family upon her  
61 passing.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
63 furnished to the family of Dr. Anita "Jean" Hannon Hall and to the  
64 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

