

By: Representatives Shirley, Snowden, Horne

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 90

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMEMORATING
2 THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND MELVIN BOLES, AND EXTENDING
3 DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS UPON HIS
4 PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, it is written in II Corinthians 4:17-18, "For our
6 light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far
7 more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at
8 the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen:
9 for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which
10 are not seen are eternal," and as such, Reverend Melvin Boles, the
11 beloved pastor, devoted servant of God and spiritual leader,
12 departed this earth on February 28, 2018, to rest eternally with
13 his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Boles rose from humble beginnings to become
15 a major spiritual icon for many in his community as well as
16 surrounding areas; and

17 WHEREAS, this visionary leader was also one of the first
18 local pastors to provide his church services on television and



19 radio allowing his holy and immaculate words to be heard by
20 thousands of people who did not attend his church; and

21 WHEREAS, born and raised in the Energy Community of Northeast
22 Clarke County, a young Melvin Boles often preached sermons of
23 repentance to his classmates at Shady Grove Elementary School; and

24 WHEREAS, upon receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit,
25 Reverend Boles' zeal for the Lord was further ignited motivating
26 him to open a storefront church early on before building Southside
27 Tabernacle Church; and

28 WHEREAS, passionate about spreading the Gospel of Jesus
29 Christ beyond the borders of our state, Reverend Boles spent many
30 summers driving from Meridian, Mississippi, to Pensacola, Florida,
31 holding tent revivals and preaching the Gospel to transform the
32 lives of the unsaved to saved; and

33 WHEREAS, Reverend Boles was also a very skilled fiddler, who
34 learned to play as a young child and used this talent as a
35 complement to his ministry over the years, often preaching and
36 then playing the fiddle for parishioners; and

37 WHEREAS, he retired from full-time ministry from the Evangel
38 Temple in 2002, but continued to play fiddle and delight in
39 delivering the word of God; and

40 WHEREAS, to cherish his memory and honor his legacy, he
41 leaves his wife of 70 years, Rosie; daughter, Cathy; son, Michael;
42 grandchildren, Dusty, Jonathan, Daniel and Jared;
43 great-grandchildren, Mary, Cal, Cade, Ralie, Avrie, Kynlie,



44 Sophie, Bradley, Brookley, Haylee, Jordan and Emmy; and a host of
45 nieces and nephews; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to celebrate
47 the life and great works of esteemed spiritual leaders, such as
48 Reverend Boles, who have softened the hardened hearts of man and
49 brought them to the Lord:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
51 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we
52 do hereby commemorate the honorable life of Reverend Melvin Boles,
53 mourn the loss of his life and express deepest sympathy to his
54 family upon his passing.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
56 furnished to the family of Reverend Boles and to the members of
57 the Capitol Press Corps.

