

By: Representatives Roberson, Taylor

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 50

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. JACKSON
2 MARTIN BROWN UPON HIS PASSING.

3 WHEREAS, it is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "To
4 everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under
5 the Heaven," and as such, on February 24, 2018, the immaculate
6 author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal
7 presence of dearly beloved, Mr. Jackson Martin "Jack" Brown, to
8 eternal rest, rendering great sorrow and loss to his family and
9 friends; and

10 WHEREAS, born January 2, 1946, in Starkville, Mississippi, to
11 Lavell "Red" Brown and Una Martin Brown, Mr. Brown graduated from
12 Starkville High School in 1964 and earned his bachelor's degree in
13 political science from Mississippi State University in 1969; and

14 WHEREAS, after graduating from Mississippi State University,
15 Mr. Brown furthered his education and earned his Juris Doctorate
16 degree in 1971 from the former Jackson School of Law, currently
17 Mississippi College School of Law, and upon graduation he was the
18 first Mississippian to practice under the Limited Practice Act,



19 and he passed the Mississippi Bar Exam and remained an active
20 member of The Mississippi Bar until his passing; and

21 WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of his father and
22 brothers, Mr. Brown returned to his hometown of Starkville and was
23 a prominent criminal defense attorney, defending numerous notable
24 cases throughout his career, and his reputation preceded him in
25 the courtroom, and he thrived on the challenge of preparing for
26 and presenting a case for trial; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown also enjoyed practicing in other areas of
28 law and often performed pro bono work for many of his clients, and
29 in addition to his personal law practice, he served as an attorney
30 for the Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors for more than 18
31 years until his passing; and

32 WHEREAS, with an extensive knowledge of the law, Mr. Brown
33 cherished his 46 years of practicing law, and second to his law
34 practice, Mr. Brown found solace, peace and a little bit of fun at
35 his home, the Oasis, in rural Oktibbeha County, surrounded by
36 pastures, woods and fishing ponds, and while at home he admired
37 all of God's creatures and wildlife; and

38 WHEREAS, a friend to all horses and German Shepherds, Mr.
39 Brown was a lifelong learner, a voracious reader and a grand
40 storyteller, and could complete almost any crossword puzzle with
41 ease in only a few minutes before sunrise with his morning cup of
42 coffee, enjoyed exercising his mind and body, using methods such



43 as meditation and yoga, and as a self-defense expert, he proudly
44 earned his fifth-degree black belt in karate; and

45 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was a man that never met a stranger and
46 who will be missed by all those who knew him, and though he has
47 traversed the river of life to now stand upon the golden heavenly
48 shores, the legacy of Mr. Brown's dedication to his family,
49 friends and to the practice of law will forever be etched in the
50 hearts and memories of his loving survivors: his three daughters,
51 Katy Brown Stribling, Marty Brown Gebhart and Haley Brown Smith;
52 his six grandchildren, Mary Kate, Joseph, Grace, Land, Lilly and
53 Jemma; his sister, Adelia Ann Nason; dozens of nieces, nephews and
54 countless friends who loved him dearly; and

55 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
56 recognize outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Jackson Martin
57 "Jack" Brown, whose steadfast commitment to his family and
58 unwavering dedication to the practice of law brings great honor to
59 his family, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
62 commend the life and service of Mr. Jackson Martin Brown, and
63 express deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his
64 passing.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
66 furnished to the family of Mr. Jackson Martin Brown and to the
67 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

