

By: Senator(s) Blount, Norwood, Barnett, Blackmon, Butler, Frazier, Horhn, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd), Jordan, Simmons (12th), Simmons (13th), Turner-Ford, Witherspoon

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 541

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE  
2 LEGISLATURE ON THE PASSING OF JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
3 COMMISSIONER DR. ROSIE JOHNSON AND CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY.

4 WHEREAS, we are saddened to learn of the passing of esteemed  
5 Jackson Municipal Airport Authority Commissioner Dr. Rosie Johnson  
6 on January 12, 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, Rosie L.T. Pridgen Johnson, Ph.D, is a native  
8 Mississippian. She has been a resident of Jackson since 1970,  
9 after graduating from Jackson State University. In addition to  
10 earning the Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, Educational  
11 Specialist, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Jackson State  
12 University, Dr. Johnson also obtained the Master of Education  
13 Degree in Blind Rehabilitation, with an emphasis in Orientation  
14 and Mobility for the Blind, from the University of Arkansas at  
15 Little Rock. She has also studied at other Mississippi  
16 universities. Dr. Johnson was a Teacher, Substitute Teacher,  
17 Assistant Principal, Principal, Interim Superintendent and  
18 Superintendent. In 2013, she retired from the position of



19 Superintendent of the Mississippi School for the Blind, a position  
20 she held for 15 years. During two and one-half of those years,  
21 she concurrently served as Superintendent of the Mississippi  
22 School for the Deaf. Dr. Johnson was a graduate of Leadership  
23 Greater Jackson, an avid volunteer, a supporter of programs and  
24 projects that aimed to improve individuals and communities, and  
25 she was a member of Mt. Carmel Ministries. She had a blended  
26 family of four children and 11 grandchildren; and

27 WHEREAS, her enthusiasm for the City of Jackson and  
28 inexhaustible commitment to Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers  
29 International and Hawkins Field Airports is irreplaceable and will  
30 be missed greatly; and

31 WHEREAS, we pay tribute and cherish fondly the memory of this  
32 most public-spirited citizen of Mississippi with enormous civic  
33 energy:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
35 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
36 we do hereby extend the profound sorrow of the Legislature on the  
37 passing of Jackson Municipal Airport Authority Commissioner Dr.  
38 Rosie Johnson and express condolences to her family.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
40 the surviving family of Dr. Johnson, forwarded to the Jackson  
41 Municipal Airport Authority Board of Commissioners, and made  
42 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

