

By: Senator(s) Witherspoon,
Dearing, Jackson (11th), Jackson
(32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE LIFE AND
2 PUBLIC SERVICE OF THOMAS C. TOLLIVER, JR., OF WILKINSON COUNTY,
3 MISSISSIPPI, THE LONGEST-TENURED-SERVING CHANCERY CLERK IN THE
4 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH.

5 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of the
6 longest-serving Chancery Clerk in the State of Mississippi, Thomas
7 C. Tolliver, Jr., of Wilkinson County, on August 21, 2018, at the
8 age of 67; and

9 WHEREAS, his concurrent tenure, the Mississippi Association
10 of Chancery Clerks confirmed, made him the state's Senior Chancery
11 Clerk, which is the title bestowed upon the longest-tenured
12 still-serving Chancery Clerk in the State of Mississippi at the
13 time of his death; and

14 WHEREAS, "He was a great person," said Mattie L. Powell,
15 Deputy Chancery Clerk of Wilkinson County, who worked with
16 Tolliver for the past 12 years. "He always wanted to be a part of
17 anything to help the community, and to that end Tolliver donated
18 to community events, fundraisers and schools"; and



19 WHEREAS, Thomas Tolliver, Jr., was born in the Lesley
20 Community of Wilkinson County on October 16, 1950. Tolliver
21 earned a Biology Degree from Jackson State University; and

22 WHEREAS, in addition to being Wilkinson County's Chancery
23 Clerk, Tolliver was also the county's Emergency Management
24 Director, a 33rd Degree Mason, and was the Mississippi Association
25 of Chancery Clerk's Sergeant-at-Arms; and

26 WHEREAS, Thomas started several softball organizations and in
27 1980 founded the Chatwell Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit
28 organization to give back to the community, including funding
29 students and education, helping food bank ministries, and donating
30 to organizations such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and
31 the Red Cross; and

32 WHEREAS, "He was a wonderful man," Myrtis Tolliver said,
33 "well-loved by the community and always willing to help and do
34 anything he could for his community and his fellowman"; and

35 WHEREAS, Thomas is survived by his wife, Myrtis Tolliver; two
36 children, Meagen Patrease Tolliver and Antonie Mitchel-Tolliver;
37 and three grandchildren: DeMarien Tolliver-Dixon, Malik
38 Tolliver-Dixon and Malin Tolliver-Dixon. He was preceded in death
39 by daughter, Tommie Carol Tolliver; and

40 WHEREAS, we pay tribute and cherish fondly the memory of this
41 most public-spirited and talented citizen of Mississippi:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby mourn the loss and commend the life



44 and public service of Thomas C. Tolliver, Jr., of Wilkinson
45 County, the longest-tenured-serving Chancery Clerk in the State of
46 Mississippi at the time of his death.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 the surviving family of Thomas C. Tolliver, Jr., forwarded to the
49 Mississippi Association of Chancery Clerks, and made available to
50 the Capitol Press Corps.

