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To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

1 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE LIFE AND  
2 LEGACY OF MRS. NANCY POWELL HAYES AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY  
3 TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, it is written in II Corinthians 4:17-18, "For our  
5 light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far  
6 more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at  
7 the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen:  
8 for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which  
9 are not seen are eternal," and as such, the immaculate author and  
10 finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal presence of  
11 dearly beloved, Mrs. Nancy Powell Hayes, to rest eternally, on  
12 Tuesday, February 5, 2019, as she has made life's final transition  
13 from earthly travailing to heavenly reward, rendering great sorrow  
14 and loss to her family and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi lost a wonderful friend  
16 with the passing of Mrs. Hayes, one of ten children born in Amite  
17 County in the Jerusalem Community of Liberty, Mississippi, to her  
18 late parents, Mr. Emerson Powell and Mrs. Lillie Azalee Moore



19 Powell, on October 4, 1922, and there is now a hush in our hearts  
20 as we come together to pay our respects to the memory of one who  
21 has been called to join that innumerable heavenly caravan; and

22 WHEREAS, a diligent worker, nurturer and provider, Mrs. Hayes  
23 received her elementary education at Jerusalem School before  
24 graduating from Amite County Training School, and further  
25 nurturing her passion for education by matriculating at  
26 Mississippi Valley State University, where she attained a bachelor  
27 of science degree in elementary education; and

28 WHEREAS, fate would lend itself to being built in accordance  
29 with the blueprint divinely designed for the pattern of young  
30 Nancy's life by the Great Deity and grand architect of our lives'  
31 destiny, when her heart was pierced by the love, chivalry and  
32 affection of the Reverend Mack Arthur Hayes Sr., who she met as a  
33 high school senior, and the duo became bone of one another's bone  
34 and flesh of one another's flesh shortly after her high school  
35 graduation upon exchanging nuptials on November 15, 1940, building  
36 a lifetime of memories with the addition of two children, a son  
37 and a daughter, with each of whom they shared the abundant  
38 blessings of love, honor and humility until it was orchestrated by  
39 God's perfect will for their lives that Mr. Hayes should be  
40 summoned to the fulfillment of God's heavenly purpose in eternity;  
41 and

42 WHEREAS, cognizant of the words recorded in I John 3:2 -  
43 "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has



44 not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we  
45 shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is," "Nanny," as she  
46 was affectionately referred, strove diligently to exemplify a  
47 Christ-like walk before family, fulfilling the role as wife,  
48 mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend; and

49 WHEREAS, having discovered a niche for education early in  
50 life, upon receipt of her baccalaureate degree, Mrs. Hayes  
51 commenced her professional career, which would evolve into her  
52 recognition as a highly revered educator, with the Greene County  
53 School System as an elementary and remedial reading teacher, for a  
54 career which spanned 42 years; and

55 WHEREAS, a God-fearing Christian before all other roles she  
56 assumed, a nurturing, protective and caring mother next, Mrs.  
57 Hayes was the epitome of a woman of Proverbs 31:10 virtue who  
58 possessed an ambitious spirit akin to that of King David, in her  
59 role as a pastor's wife and funeral director, all of which confirm  
60 the recording of Romans 14:8, "If we live, we live for the Lord,  
61 and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we  
62 belong to the Lord"; and

63 WHEREAS, though she has traversed the river of life to  
64 reunite in glorious fanfare with those loved ones who made life's  
65 transition to eternity before her, including her parents, husband,  
66 son, McArthur "Tiny" Hayes Jr., daughter, RoseMary Hayes Williams,  
67 five brothers, three sisters, one grandson and two stepchildren,  
68 Reverend Robert Lewis Hayes and Mrs. Marion Jones, the legacy of



69 Mrs. Hayes's indelible imprint upon our lives will continue to  
70 refresh the hearts and fond memories of her beloved survivors:  
71 granddaughters, State Representative Sonya Williams-Barnes, Dr.  
72 Thea Hayes Williams Black and Ms. Althea McDonald; grandson, Mr.  
73 Arthur D. Hayes; sister, Mrs. Ada Williamson; seven  
74 great-grandchildren, Tyron Hayes, Kenson Barnes, Tyreek Hayes,  
75 Thea Emerson Black, Kristyn Jones, Hydia McDonald and Jordyn  
76 McDonald; one son-in-law, Reverend Theodore R. Williams Jr.; two  
77 daughters-in-law, Mrs. Jeanette Hayes Pou and Mrs. Autry Hayes;  
78 and a host of other relatives and very dear friends; and

79 WHEREAS, we encourage the family to find solace from the  
80 overwhelming sadness created by the earthly departure of their  
81 beloved family member and be renewed in their faith that "Nanny"  
82 Hayes fulfilled the purpose of her appointed time in adherence to  
83 the commandment of II Timothy 4:7, by having "fought a good fight,  
84 finishing her course and keeping the faith until the hour of her  
85 departure was at hand"; and

86 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
87 commend the life of a genuine and selfless individual such as Mrs.  
88 Hayes, whose light illuminated the path of hope for all she  
89 encountered along this earthly sojourn:

90 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
91 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
92 mourn the loss and commemorate the life and legacy of Mrs. Nancy  
93 Powell Hayes, and express sincere sympathy to our friend and



94 colleague, the Honorable Representative Sonya Williams-Barnes, and  
95 to her entire family and friends upon her passing.

96 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
97 furnished to the surviving family of Mrs. Nancy Powell Hayes and  
98 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

