

By: Representative Dixon

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 46

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MOTHERHOOD AND OUTSTANDING
2 CITIZENSHIP OF MRS. BERNICE LIGHTER LEE AND ACKNOWLEDGING HER AS A
3 LIVING LEGEND IN OBSERVANCE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH.

4 WHEREAS, born on June 3, 1928, in rural Hinds County, Mrs.
5 Bernice Lighter Lee has been a mainstay in the Utica community for
6 more than 90 years, and has resonated with its citizens as a
7 pillar of strength, integrity and compassion; and

8 WHEREAS, an undeniable beacon of inspiration, Mrs. Lee's life
9 and motherhood has served as a provident example of excellence in
10 upholding the mantle of responsible citizenship by which future
11 generations can pattern their lives, harkening to her indelible
12 character premised in loyalty and dedication to the community; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lee's service as a humanitarian, mother and
14 mentor to countless individuals throughout Hinds County are
15 indicative of the fact that motherhood is a great honor and
16 privilege, yet it is also synonymous with servanthood, as the
17 natural state of motherhood is unselfishness; and



18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lee's unwavering commitment to her community
19 and state is embodied in the statement of Dr. Martin Luther King
20 Jr., "Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You
21 don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to
22 make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart
23 full of grace. A soul generated by love."; and

24 WHEREAS, the epitome of a woman of Proverbs 31:10 virtue who
25 possesses an ambitious spirit akin to that of King David, as she
26 continues to seek the very heart of God and demonstrate great
27 faith and commitment to Jesus Christ, Mrs. Lee is recognized for
28 truly being an honorable and warm-hearted Christian who is a
29 faithful and dedicated member of Seven Star Missionary Baptist
30 Church; and

31 WHEREAS, the archetype matriarch of her family, Mrs. Lee has
32 been a mother for the community, in addition to providing the
33 love, nurture and discipline to her own children and
34 grandchildren, who have willingly shared her with countless others
35 as a voice of reason, inspiration and consistency; and

36 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
37 pay tribute to the living legends of our community like Mrs. Lee,
38 who served as trailblazers and continue to be purveyors of the
39 stories and teachings of those who helped build our nation, took a
40 stance against prejudice to build lives of dignity and
41 opportunity, advanced the cause of civil rights and strengthened
42 families and communities:



43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
45 acknowledge and commend the motherhood and wisdom of Mrs. Bernice
46 Lighter Lee, as a living legend in recognition of African-American
47 History Month, and extend best wishes for continued health and
48 prosperity in all the days to come.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of the resolution be
50 furnished to Mrs. Bernice Lighter Lee and to the members of the
51 Capitol Press Corps.

