

By: Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Banks,
Clarke, Holloway, Bell (65th), Brown (70th),
Crudup, Dortch, Foster, Rosebud, Summers

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

1 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MRS. ALICE THOMAS-TISDALE UPON
2 BEING NAMED THE PUBLISHER EMERITUS OF THE JACKSON ADVOCATE AFTER
3 38 YEARS OF DEDICATED AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

4 WHEREAS, Alice Thomas-Tisdale has the distinguished honor of
5 being named the Publisher Emeritus of the *Jackson Advocate* after
6 an impressive 38-year career with the publication; and

7 WHEREAS, she began her tenure with the *Jackson Advocate* as a
8 humble newspaper carrier, and with diligence and hard work earned
9 her way up the ranks as a columnist, office manager, graphic
10 designer, photojournalist, sports editor and associate publisher;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, bittersweet was her promotion to publisher in 2007,
13 as it followed her beloved husband, Charles Tisdale's passing;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Alice Thomas-Tisdale has utilized her education from
16 Washington Park High School and Washington State University to
17 create insightful and intriguing articles that educate the



18 community on numerous topics, most importantly, quality of life
19 issues; and

20 WHEREAS, she is not only a creative storyteller, but she is
21 also a passionate community activist who has passionately fought
22 for the rights of HIV/AIDS victims; and

23 WHEREAS, a Metlife fellow, she has extensive training in
24 health journalism, including Families USA and New America Media
25 and her writings offer a holistic and broad perspective, which was
26 crafted by her many travels to several countries; and

27 WHEREAS, some of her most captivating work includes her
28 reports on the land issue in Zimbabwe, Africa; the slavery issue
29 in Sudan, Africa; the African-American business opportunities in
30 Japan; human rights issues in Kazakhstan; the International AIDS
31 Conferences in Barcelona, Spain, Bangkok, Thailand, and Toronto,
32 Canada, from an African-American perspective; the achievements of
33 African-American female pilots in France and global warming in
34 Iceland; and

35 WHEREAS, her works are highly regarded by her peers and have
36 garnered her numerous honors, which include the Jackson State
37 University Kids Kollege Hall of Fame, Medgar Wiley Evers Family
38 Lifetime Achievement Award, NAACP Legacy Award, SCLC Service
39 Award, City of Jackson Martin Luther King Jr. Woman of the Year
40 Award, Margaret Walker Alexander Literary Award, Forward Lookers
41 Excellence in Journalism Award, and most recently, induction into



42 the University of Southern Mississippi Journalism Hall of Fame;
43 and

44 WHEREAS, she has received countless resolutions from the City
45 of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and the State of
46 Mississippi, and had a day named in her honor in Jackson County,
47 Mississippi; and

48 WHEREAS, because she believes in giving back to her roots,
49 she is an honorary member of the Jackson State University National
50 Alumni Association and the Brinkley High School National Alumni
51 Association; and

52 WHEREAS, beyond all of her professional and social accolades,
53 her most treasured accomplishment is being the mother to her
54 daughter, DeAnna, an accomplished classical singer; and

55 WHEREAS, even though her husband has passed this life, she is
56 most appreciative to her late husband, Charles Tisdale, for
57 providing the opportunities associated with working with the Black
58 Press; and

59 WHEREAS, it is written in I Thessalonians 5:18 "In everything
60 give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus
61 concerning you," and Mrs. Thomas-Tisdale proudly and often credits
62 her love for God when accepting any honor thrust upon her; and

63 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
64 commend the life and works of Mississippians, such as Mrs. Alice
65 Thomas-Tisdale, whose works bring great honor to the state:



66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
67 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
68 commend Mrs. Alice Thomas-Tisdale on being named the Publisher
69 Emeritus of the *Jackson Advocate* after her 38 years of dedicated
70 and meritorious service to the publication.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
72 furnished to Mrs. Alice Thomas-Tisdale, the *Jackson Advocate* and
73 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

