

By: Representatives Steverson, Massengill,
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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR.
2 BOBBY PASCHAL MARTIN, AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS
3 FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, it is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "To
5 everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under
6 the Heaven," and as such, on November 4, 2020, the immaculate
7 author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal
8 presence of dearly beloved, Mr. Bobby Paschal Martin, to eternal
9 rest, rendering great sorrow and loss to his family and
10 friends; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin was a distinguished man whose
12 extraordinary devotion to his family and his community will always
13 be remembered, and precious memories of time spent with him will
14 hopefully continue to provide warmth, peace and comfort to his
15 loved ones; and

16 WHEREAS, born on February 13, 1933, to Mr. Elijah Martin and
17 Mrs. Valca Hobson Martin, Mr. Martin was a veteran of the United
18 States Army who served his country during the Korean War, and was



19 the beloved husband of Mrs. Barbara Moore Martin for 64 years, and
20 his family was second only to God in his life; and

21 WHEREAS, with a lifelong passion for serving others, Mr.
22 Martin was led to a career in banking at The Peoples Bank, where
23 he was the Chairman of the Board and also served as CEO and
24 President from 1970 until 2012, and his career at The Peoples Bank
25 brought him great joy by allowing him to faithfully serve the
26 community he loved for over 59 years; and

27 WHEREAS, because Mr. Martin believed in giving back to the
28 industry that had given so much to him, as evidenced by his
29 service as Chairman of the Mississippi Bankers Association and the
30 Mississippi Board of Banking Review, he mentored and inspired
31 numerous students, entrepreneurs, employees, and other community,
32 state and national leaders, and he furthered his own education by
33 becoming a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana
34 State University; and

35 WHEREAS, a Mississippi State University graduate and avid
36 Bulldog sports fan, Mr. Martin bled maroon and white and served
37 Mississippi State University in many capacities, including as
38 Chairman of the MSU Foundation and President of The Bulldog Club,
39 and in honor of his many years of service, he was awarded an
40 honorary doctorate from Mississippi State University in 2002; and

41 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin had a contagious, driving passion for
42 improving the lives of the citizens of the State of Mississippi,
43 particularly the northeast Mississippi area, and served as



44 Chairman of both the CREATE Foundation and the North Mississippi
45 Medical Center in addition to serving as Chairman of the Yocona
46 Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America; and

47 WHEREAS, as a lifelong advocate for education, Mr. Martin
48 served as Chairman of the Blue Mountain College Board of Trustees
49 and on the Board of Trustees for Northeast Mississippi Community
50 College; and

51 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin's service on untold boards, committees,
52 and task forces was priceless to his community, but always most
53 important to him were the countless friends and connections he
54 made along the way; and

55 WHEREAS, dedicated to his faith, Mr. Martin was a member of
56 First Baptist Church, where he spent many years singing in the
57 choir, serving as a deacon and as a member of the Faith Sunday
58 School Class; and

59 WHEREAS, though he has traversed the river of life to reunite
60 with those who answered God's summons to life eternal and now
61 beckon his arrival to the celestial shores of Heaven's grandeur,
62 such as his parents, Mr. Elijah Martin and Mrs. Valca Hobson
63 Martin and his sisters Georgia Crook, Virginia Coombs and Peggy
64 Marvin, the legacy of Mr. Martin's indelible imprint upon our
65 lives will continue to refresh the hearts and fond memories of his
66 loved ones, including his loving wife, Barbara; daughter, Mary
67 Childs; grandson, Bob Glover; great-grandchildren, Snow, Graham



68 and Pierce Glover; several very special nieces and nephews, and a
69 host of other family members and dear friends; and

70 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin will forever be loved, cherished and
71 missed by all who knew him, and since it is written in 2
72 Corinthians 5:8, that to be "absent from the body is to be present
73 with the Lord," his family and friends can find peace and comfort
74 during this difficult time; and

75 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
76 commend the lives of outstanding Mississippians, especially those
77 such as Mr. Martin, who certainly inspired everyone he met and
78 whose life's light illuminated the path of hope for all he
79 encountered along his earthly sojourn:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
81 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
82 THEREIN, That we do hereby mourn the loss and commemorate the life
83 and legacy of Mr. Bobby Paschal Martin, and express sincere and
84 deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
86 furnished to the family of Mr. Bobby Paschal Martin and to the
87 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

