

By: Representative Lancaster

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMEMORATING
2 THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. RUBY KATE WOOLRIDGE BOWLES.

3 WHEREAS, it is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "To
4 everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under
5 the Heaven," and as such, on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, the
6 immaculate author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the
7 mortal presence of dearly beloved, Mrs. Ruby Kate Woolridge
8 Bowles, to eternal rest, rendering great sorrow and loss to her
9 family and friends; and

10 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi and the City of Houston,
11 Mississippi, lost a wonderful friend, loving wife and mother and
12 dedicated community leader with the passing of Mrs. Bowles, who
13 was born on May 1, 1932, in Houston to the late Lee Allen
14 Woolridge and Mildred McLaughlin Woolridge, and there is now a
15 hush in our hearts as we come together to pay our respects to the
16 memory of one who has been called to join that innumerable
17 heavenly caravan; and



18 WHEREAS, Ruby Kate Woolridge Bowles was a woman of
19 uncompromised faith and a member of First United Methodist Church
20 in Houston, and she now enjoys the eternal peace described in Luke
21 2:29, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
22 according to your word"; and

23 WHEREAS, a truly exquisite woman, Mrs. Bowles graduated from
24 Okolona High School in 1949, and she worked at Delta Trouser
25 Company in Okolona for 15 years and Air Cap in Verona for five
26 years before she left to pursue her entrepreneurial dreams and,
27 with her husband, opened Bowles Grocery Store in the Thorn
28 community, which they owned and operated for 34 years; and

29 WHEREAS, a social butterfly who loved mowing her yard and
30 waving at friends and neighbors who passed by, Mrs. Ruby Kate
31 Woolridge Bowles was a strong, loving and compassionate mother,
32 grandmother, confidante and friend who touched the lives of all
33 those who crossed her sweet and charming path, and her warm hugs,
34 positive energy, contagious laughter and bright smile will be
35 forever cherished by her family, friends and others who knew her
36 and experienced her greatness; and

37 WHEREAS, the memory of Mrs. Bowles, a woman held in the
38 highest regard by friends and family as an inspiring and precious
39 gift from God, will continue to refresh the hearts and memories of
40 her beloved survivors: sons, Steve (Jane) Pearson and Mike
41 (Deedie) Pearson; sisters-in-law, Anne Harrington and Nancy
42 Bowles; brothers-in-law, Jerry (Lynn) Pearson and Harry (Martha)



43 Bowles; grandchildren, Jay (Candi) Pearson, Jenna Leigh (Brian)
44 Aldridge, Lauren (Heath) Soden, Merry Claire (Ben) Gregory,
45 Patrick Pearson and Will Pearson; great-grandchildren, Ella Cate,
46 Jackson, Hudson, Embry, Eli, Graham, Walt and Landri Kate; and a
47 host of other relatives and friends; and

48 WHEREAS, we encourage the family to find solace from the
49 overwhelming sadness created by the earthly departure of their
50 beloved family member in Revelation 21:4, wherein is recorded,
51 "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there
52 shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall
53 there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away"
54 and renewed in their faith that Mrs. Ruby Kate Woolridge Bowles
55 fulfilled the commandment of II Timothy 4:7 by having fought a
56 good fight, finishing her course and keeping the faith until the
57 hour of her departure was at hand"; and

58 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
59 and honor the lives of fine Mississippians, especially those such
60 as Mrs. Ruby Kate Woolridge Bowles, a gracious woman who loved her
61 family and friends unconditionally and worshipped the Lord God
62 Almighty with all of her heart and soul, bringing glory and honor
63 to the State of Mississippi:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
65 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
66 THEREIN, That we do hereby mourn the loss and commemorate the life



67 and legacy of Mrs. Ruby Kate Woolridge Bowles, and express deepest
68 sympathy to her family and friends upon her passing.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
70 furnished to the family of Mrs. Ruby Kate Woolridge Bowles and to
71 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

