

By: Representatives Hopkins, Criswell,
Darnell, Eubanks, Hale, Lamar

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. DAVID HUNTER
2 MANLEY, PHILANTHROPIST AND COMMUNITY LEADER OF SOUTHAVEN,
3 MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND
4 FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, it is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "To everything
6 there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the Heaven,"
7 and as such, on January 24, 2021, the mortal presence of dearly
8 beloved, David Hunter Manley, was called to eternal rest, surrounded
9 by the love of his family and readings of the holy scripture by his
10 loved ones; and

11 WHEREAS, born as the happy "surprise" to the joy and
12 excitement of his parents on July 17, 1957, in Union City,
13 Tennessee, David weighed in at just over thirteen pounds creating
14 the baby weight record at Obion County General Hospital, a title
15 he held until 2012, when another baby was born weighing fifteen
16 pounds; and

17 WHEREAS, David's birth weight record was not the only record
18 he made during his life, in high school, he was an amazing student
19 athlete who ranked as a West Tennessee All American High School



20 Football player during his junior and senior year and he earned
21 numerous scholarship offers to prestigious universities such as
22 Wake Forest, Auburn University and the Naval Academy; and

23 WHEREAS, David refused all of those offers to ensure he could
24 remain close to his high school sweetheart and future bride, Tonya
25 Wisely, "Tony," who would become his devoted wife of 43 years and
26 with whom he was blessed with three sons: Nick, Josh and Kyle;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, he began his career at Northpoint Christian School
29 in 1978, as an assistant football coach and went on to positively
30 pour into the lives of thousands of children as an educator,
31 principal, headmaster and president embodying his biblical life
32 principals in each motivational speech or lesson he provided; and

33 WHEREAS, Mr. Manley retired from Northpoint Christian School
34 after 39 years, but his passion to improve the lives of others
35 motivated him to remain active as its President Emeritus, and
36 continue to sponsor the David H. Manley Golf Tournament and the
37 David H. Manley Scholarship to a graduating senior of Northpoint
38 Christian School; and

39 WHEREAS, a Godly man of faith and conviction, he genuinely
40 loved Christ, his wife, children, grandchildren, and his Broadway
41 Baptist Church family, and he sought to have his life exemplify
42 the principles of the holy word in all he did; and

43 WHEREAS, he is described as a selfless achiever who led by
44 example and never expected recognition, even though accolades were



45 constantly thrust upon him, he gave all glory and honor to Jesus
46 and sought to serve him in all of his actions; and

47 WHEREAS, Mr. Manley will forever be loved, cherished and
48 missed by all who knew him, and since it is written in 2
49 Corinthians 5:8, that to be "absent from the body is to be present
50 with the Lord," his family and friends can find peace and comfort
51 during this difficult time, and his legacy of love, leadership and
52 faith will be cherished by his beloved wife, sons, sister, Carole,
53 brother, Steve, eleven grandchildren and other family members,
54 friends and former students; and

55 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
56 recognize and commend the lives of outstanding Mississippians,
57 especially those such as Mr. Manley, who inspired everyone he met
58 and whose life's light illuminated the path of hope for all he
59 encountered along his earthly sojourn:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
62 mourn the loss and commemorate the life and legacy of Mr. David
63 Hunter Manley and express deepest sympathy upon his passing.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to the family of Mr. David Hunter Manley and to the
66 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

