

By: Representative Banks

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 45

1 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND
2 LEGACY OF MRS. DOROTHY JEAN MURRAY-GILBERT, AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST
3 SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HER 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 Thursday, February 25, 2021, the
7 immaculate author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the
8 mortal presence of dearly beloved, Mrs. Dorothy Jean
9 Murray-Gilbert, to eternal rest, rendering immense heartache and
10 loss to her family, friends and community; and

11 WHEREAS, the City of Jackson lost a wonderful friend with the
12 passing of Mrs. Murray-Gilbert, who was born on February 16, 1961,
13 in Greenville, Mississippi, to the late Charlie Murray, Sr., and
14 Helen Murray, and there is now a hush in our hearts as we come
15 together to pay our respects to the memory of one who has been
16 called to join that innumerable heavenly caravan; and

17 WHEREAS, Dorothy Jean accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and
18 Savior at an early age, and became a member of New Bethel African



19 Methodist Episcopal Church, and she now enjoys the eternal peace
20 described in Luke 2:29, "Lord, now you are letting your servant
21 depart in peace, according to your word"; and

22 WHEREAS, a member of William Lanier High School's 1980
23 graduating class, Dorothy Jean worked for Rival Manufacturing
24 Company for 15 years, in addition to devoting her humble and
25 selfless services as a caretaker and sitter for Mrs. Evelyn Banks
26 and Representative Earle Banks, until she began to experience
27 declining health conditions; and

28 WHEREAS, as fate would lend itself to being built in
29 accordance with the blueprint divinely designed for the pattern of
30 her life by the Great Deity and grand architect of our lives'
31 destiny, Dorothy Jean's heart was pierced by the love, chivalry
32 and affection of Louis V. Gilbert, Jr., and the duo became bone of
33 one another's bone and flesh of one another's flesh after
34 exchanging the nuptials of holy matrimony in March 1991, building
35 a lifetime of memories shared with a blended family of 11
36 children; and

37 WHEREAS, though she has traversed life's river to now stand
38 upon the celestial shores in wonderment of Heaven's grandeur in
39 glorious reunion with the kindred spirits who transitioned before
40 her, including her parents, son, Walter Anderson, and siblings,
41 Arlester McDonald, Barbara Ann Murray and Ernestine Taylor, the
42 legacy of Mrs. Murray-Gilbert will continue to refresh the hearts
43 and memories of her beloved survivors: her devoted husband of 30



44 years, Louis V. Gilbert, Jr.; children, Kernesha (Ricardo)
45 Williams, Shalondra Murray, Lillie (Patrick) Pettus, Courtney
46 Whitaker, Valencia Whitaker, Alicia (Kasey) Kennedy, Sherri
47 Coleman, Corey Whitaker, Louis V. Gilbert III and Curtis
48 (Pauletha) Amos; 22 grandchildren; brother, Charlie Murray, Jr.;
49 cousin-sister, Gloria Jean Hodge; special friends, Marvalene
50 Black, Pearlene Kelly and Carlene Love; and a host of other
51 relatives and friends; and

52 WHEREAS, we encourage the family to find solace from the
53 overwhelming sadness created by the earthly departure of their
54 beloved family member and renewed in their faith that Dorothy Jean
55 fulfilled the purpose of her appointed time in adherence to the
56 commandment of II Timothy 4:7, by having "fought a good fight,
57 finishing her course and keeping the faith until the hour of her
58 departure was at hand"; and

59 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
60 commend the lives of such honorably noble Mississippians,
61 especially those such as Mrs. Dorothy Jean Murray-Gilbert, whose
62 life's light illuminated the path of hope for all she encountered
63 along this earthly sojourn:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
65 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
66 mourn the loss and commemorate the life and legacy of Mrs. Dorothy
67 Jean Murray-Gilbert, to whose family we express sincere and
68 deepest sympathy upon her passing.



69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
70 furnished to the family of Mrs. Dorothy Jean Murray-Gilbert and to
71 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

