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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 510

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF FORMER SENATOR THOMAS OLIVER
3 "TOMMY" MOFFATT, SR., OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI, AND PAYING TRIBUTE
4 TO HIS CAREER OF PUBLIC AND CHARITABLE SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, we join the residents of the Mississippi Gulf Coast
6 and state leaders in mourning the death of former Mississippi
7 State Senator Thomas Oliver "Tommy" Moffatt, Sr., who passed away
8 on November 12, 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, Tommy was born on August 17, 1935, in Savannah,
10 Georgia, but was raised and lived in Jackson County, Mississippi,
11 from the age of one. He was a 1953 graduate of Pascagoula High
12 School where he played football and was Senior Class President.
13 He attended Perkinston Junior College where he served as Freshman
14 Class President, was a Duke in the Annual Ball, was a member of
15 the Homecoming Court and served on the Student Council. He
16 transferred to Mississippi State University where he majored in
17 Geological Sciences and served as Vice President of Sigma Gamma
18 Epsilon, an honorary Earth Sciences fraternity. He also served as
19 Vice President of the Dip & Strike, an organization promoting



20 social and service activities within the Geology Department. He
21 graduated with his Petroleum Engineering Degree in 1958. He
22 served as a member of the Mississippi Army National Guard from
23 1953-1961; and

24 WHEREAS, in retirement, Moffatt faithfully served the
25 residents of District 52 as Mississippi State Senator from 1996 to
26 2012; and

27 WHEREAS, Tommy was a member of the American Legislative
28 Exchange Council (ALEC) where he served as Vice State Chair. He
29 was committed to energy and the environment serving as Chairman of
30 The Energy Council, an international legislative organization
31 comprised of twelve member states and six international affiliates
32 that provides a forum for discussing government policies regarding
33 energy and the environment. He also was active in the Center for
34 Legislative Energy and Environment Research (CLEER); and

35 WHEREAS, Tommy was an avid Mississippi State Bulldog Club
36 member and football fan. He grew up on the Pascagoula River and
37 the coast was always in his blood. His father, a local
38 Scoutmaster, instilled a love of the outdoors which remained with
39 him his entire life. He was a longtime faithful member of the
40 First Presbyterian Church of Pascagoula where he served as an
41 Elder, Treasurer, Trustee and Sunday School Teacher; and

42 WHEREAS, in his lifetime of service and dedication to his
43 community, Tommy always remained a loyal friend who maintained
44 strong convictions and was dedicated to treating people fairly and



45 in a straightforward manner. With an unflinching duty to public
46 service and a commitment to making this world a better place,
47 Tommy will be missed by his family, friends, and associates; and

48 WHEREAS, Tommy is preceded in death by his parents, Hal D.
49 Moffatt and Violet Taylor Moffatt; and brothers, James Franklin
50 Moffatt and Hal Denning Moffatt. He is survived by his devoted
51 wife of 60 years, Bess McKellar Moffatt; son, Thomas (Zhao Zhe)
52 Moffatt, Jr.; daughter, Stacy Moffatt (Stacy Joe) Carmichael;
53 grandchildren: Haley Summers, Taylor (Jeff) Cook, Thomas Mac
54 Moffatt, Vincent Moffatt, Max Moffatt, Anna Caitlin Carmichael,
55 Abigail Carmichael (Lance) Smith, and Amelia Carmichael; five
56 loving great-grandchildren; sister, Judith (Kenney) Trimble; and
57 many nieces, nephews and cherished friends; and

58 WHEREAS, Senator Moffatt felt honored to be a member of the
59 State Legislature where he truly enjoyed and took seriously the
60 duties and responsibilities of serving the people. He loved and
61 respected the body of the State Senate, its traditions, its
62 procedures, and the camaraderie of the men and women with whom he
63 worked in the Capitol. He formed lasting friendships there.
64 Senator Moffatt was a genuine, humble man of strong principles and
65 integrity who cared about doing the right thing and was very good
66 at making government work to serve the needs of his community and
67 the people of Mississippi; and

68 WHEREAS, we pay tribute and cherish fondly the memory of this
69 most public-spirited citizen of Mississippi and friend:



70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
71 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
72 we do hereby extend the deepest sympathy of the Legislature to the
73 bereaved family of former Senator Thomas Oliver Moffatt, Sr., of
74 Gautier, Mississippi, and pay tribute to his career of public and
75 charitable service.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
77 the surviving family of former Senator Tommy Moffatt, Sr.,
78 forwarded to the Alumni Association of Mississippi State
79 University, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

