

By: Senator(s) Boyd, Kirby, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd), McMahan, DeLano, England, McDaniel, Michel, Whaley, Wiggins, Blount, Chassaniol, Johnson, Hopson, Harkins, Fillingane, Barnett, Barrett, Blackwell, Butler, Caughman, Chism, DeBar, Frazier, McLendon, Parker, Seymour, Suber, Thomas, Williams, Witherspoon, Simmons (12th), Simmons (13th), Sparks To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 517

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY
2 OF FORMER STATE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE NOLAN METTETAL OF
3 SARDIS, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXTENDING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY OF THE
4 LEGISLATURE TO HIS SURVIVING FAMILY ON HIS PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of
6 former State Senator and State Representative Nolan Mettetal of
7 Sardis, Mississippi, on December 28, 2020, at the age of 75,
8 following a battle with COVID-19; and

9 WHEREAS, Nolan Mettetal was born on November 19, 1945, in
10 Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to the late Wayne and Georgia Brewer
11 Mettetal; and

12 WHEREAS, Nolan Mettetal was a former member of the
13 Mississippi House of Representatives, serving for two terms,
14 representing District 10. He was first elected to the House of
15 Representatives in 2012 and did not run for re-election in 2019.
16 He served 16 years in the Mississippi Senate from 1996 to 2012
17 also representing District 10. He was first elected as a
18 Democrat, but changed his party affiliation to Republican in 2008;
19 and



20 WHEREAS, following a total of 24 years of service to his
21 beloved Panola County and the State of Mississippi, he and his
22 wife, Kay, enjoyed their daily walks around Sardis Lake and had a
23 special love for Ole Miss and Northwest Mississippi Community
24 College. Nolan took great pride in serving others, but his main
25 priority was loving Kay; and

26 WHEREAS, Mettetal attended Northwest Mississippi Community
27 College and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy
28 from the University of Mississippi. Nolan was a registered
29 Pharmacist and member of the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
30 in Sardis, Mississippi; and

31 WHEREAS, he served as Chairman of the Business and Financial
32 Institutions Committee in the Senate and as Chairman of the
33 Universities and Colleges Committee in the House and was most
34 interested in legislation advancing the practice of pharmacy. He
35 served on and was very active on the Appropriations Committees of
36 both houses; and

37 WHEREAS, in Nolan Mettetal, the citizens of Panola County and
38 the surrounding area were served by a most dedicated and effective
39 legislator. Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann spoke fondly of
40 Mettetal, "He and 'Mrs. Kay' were always together in the Capitol
41 in Jackson. Nolan provided leadership for over two decades not
42 only on policy, but also on personal character and statesmanship";
43 and



44 WHEREAS, Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives
45 Philip Gunn called Mettetal his friend, noting the lawmaker's
46 kindness and calm manner. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the
47 family of Nolan Mettetal. Nolan served Mississippi and the people
48 of District 10 with distinction during his many years in the
49 Mississippi Legislature. He will be remembered for his
50 considerate manner in all circumstances. Nolan was an esteemed
51 colleague, and it was an honor to call him my friend"; and

52 WHEREAS, Nolan Mettetal is predeceased by his parents and is
53 survived by his beloved wife, "Mrs. Kay," who was a well-known and
54 respected member of the Mississippi Legislative family; son, Dr.
55 Cary Nolan Mettetal (Carla); daughter, Kim Mettetal Reed
56 (Randall); and grandchildren, whom he loved with everything he
57 had: Gracie Kay Mettetal, Jules Mettetal, Nolan Paul Reed,
58 Adelaide Reed and Sadie Kay Reed; and

59 WHEREAS, it is often said there are fewer greater callings in
60 life than that of holding public office and Nolan Mettetal
61 answered that call for 24 years at the Mississippi Legislature
62 with integrity and distinction. We pay tribute and cherish fondly
63 the memory of this most public-spirited citizen of Mississippi,
64 whose enormous civic energy is a wonderful example for all public
65 servants in Mississippi:

66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
67 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
68 we do hereby pay tribute to the legacy of public service and life



69 of former State Senator and State Representative Nolan Mettetal of
70 Sardis, Mississippi, and extend the profound sympathy of the
71 Legislature to his surviving family on his passing.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
73 the surviving family of Nolan Mettetal and be made available to
74 the Capitol Press Corps.

