

By: Representatives Zuber, Busby, Eure, Read To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMEMORATING
2 THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. GEORGE SMITH.

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, the immaculate author and finisher of
6 our soul's destiny summoned the mortal presence of dearly beloved,
7 Mr. George Smith, to eternal rest, rendering great sorrow and loss
8 to his family, friends and community; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi and the entire Mississippi
10 Gulf Coast community lost a wonderful friend, loving husband and
11 father and dedicated community leader with the passing of Mr.
12 Smith, who was born on January 12, 1935, in Gulfport, to the late
13 Hubert and Mildred Smith, and there is now a hush in our hearts as
14 we come together to pay our respects to the memory of one who has
15 been called to join that innumerable heavenly caravan; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a man of uncompromised faith and a
17 member of First United Methodist Church in Wiggins, Mississippi,
18 and he now enjoys the eternal peace described in Luke 2:29, "Lord,



19 now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to
20 your word"; and

21 WHEREAS, after graduating from Gulfport High School, Mr.
22 Smith joined an elite fraternity of seamen in the United States
23 Navy in 1952, and he patriotically served his country in Guam
24 during the Korean War; and

25 WHEREAS, upon his return from the war, Mr. Smith attended
26 Perkinston College, now Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College,
27 where he played football, and William Carey University in
28 Gulfport, and upon his graduation, he selflessly dedicated his
29 professional career and numerous years of illustrious public
30 service and competent guidance to the people in his community; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has served as a Gulfport motorcycle
32 policeman, an Alcohol Beverage Control agent, an assistant sheriff
33 in Harrison County, a state senator, the Secretary of the Senate
34 under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck, the Harrison
35 County Youth Court Administrator, Tourism Director for Harrison
36 County and Tourism Director for the State of Mississippi, and he
37 retired from the Mississippi Department of Transportation in 2015;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, after his retirement, Mr. Smith continued his role
40 of public service when he served as an alderman in Wiggins and as
41 a board member for the Pat Harrison Waterway District, and in his
42 spare time, Mr. Smith was an avid outdoorsman, loved watching Ole



43 Miss football and truly enjoyed living a full life on his own
44 terms; and

45 WHEREAS, Mr. George Smith was a strong, loving and
46 compassionate husband, father, grandfather, confidante and friend
47 who touched the lives of all those who crossed his sweet and
48 charming path, and his warm hugs, positive energy, contagious
49 laughter and bright smile will be forever cherished by his family,
50 friends and others who knew him and experienced his greatness; and

51 WHEREAS, though he has traversed life's river to now stand
52 upon the celestial shores in wonderment of Heaven's grandeur in
53 glorious reunion with those who transitioned before him, including
54 his wife, Carol Smith, his parents, Hubert and Mildred Smith, his
55 son, Mark Smith, and his brother, Larry Smith, the memory of Mr.
56 Smith, a man held in the highest regard by friends and family as
57 an inspiring and precious gift from God, will continue to refresh
58 the hearts and memories of his beloved survivors: children, Susan
59 Allen (Joey), Julia Threadgill (Ricky) and Brian Cain (Chris);
60 daughter-in-law, Angie Smith; brother, Richard Smith;
61 grandchildren, Lauren Parker (Jonathan), Scarlett Bellot, Meghan
62 Smith, Porter Smith, Carson Thrash (Taylor), Keith Cain, Connor
63 Cain, Marissa Allen and Whitney Threadgill; 10
64 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends;
65 and

66 WHEREAS, we encourage the family to find solace from the
67 overwhelming sadness created by the earthly departure of their



68 beloved family member in Revelation 21:4, wherein is recorded,
69 "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there
70 shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall
71 there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" and
72 renewed in their faith that Mr. Smith fulfilled the commandment of
73 II Timothy 4:7 by having "fought a good fight, finishing his
74 course and keeping the faith until the hour of his departure was
75 at hand"; and

76 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
77 and honor the lives of fine Mississippians, especially those such
78 as Mr. George Smith, a gracious man who loved his family, friends
79 and community unconditionally and worshipped the Lord God Almighty
80 with all of his heart and soul, bringing glory and honor to the
81 State of Mississippi:

82 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
83 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
84 THEREIN, That we do hereby mourn the loss and commemorate the life
85 and legacy of Mr. George Smith, and express deepest sympathy to
86 his family and friends upon his passing.

87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
88 furnished to the family of Mr. George Smith and to the members of
89 the Capitol Press Corps.

