

By: Representative Roberson

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMEMORATING  
2 THE ESTEEMED AND LAUDABLE CAREER AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF FORMER  
3 REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL WESTON JANUS, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY  
4 OF THE LEGISLATURE UPON HIS PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, it is written in II Corinthians 4:17-18, "For our  
6 light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far  
7 more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at  
8 the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen:  
9 for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which  
10 are not seen are eternal," and as such, the immaculate author and  
11 finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal presence of the  
12 honorable and distinguished Gentleman from Harrison, former  
13 Representative Michael Weston Janus, who represented House  
14 District 117, for 14 consecutive years, as he has made life's  
15 final transition from earthly travailing to heavenly reward on  
16 Tuesday, February 15, 2022, rendering great sorrow and loss to his  
17 family and friends; and

18 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Gulf Coast lost a wonderful friend,  
19 charismatic leader, dedicated public servant and astute



20 businessman with the passing of Representative Janus, born in  
21 Charleston, South Carolina, to his late parents, Dr. John Janus  
22 and Mrs. Joan Janus, and there is now a hush in our hearts as we  
23 come together to pay our respects to the memory of one who has  
24 been called to join that innumerable heavenly caravan; and

25 WHEREAS, becoming a resident of Biloxi, after his father's  
26 military retirement and the family's desire to return to their  
27 native Biloxi, and it was under the exceptional guidance of his  
28 parents, who placed a premium value on religion, education and  
29 civic involvement, that a young Michael graduated from Biloxi High  
30 School in 1984, and subsequently embarked on his collegiate  
31 matriculation, earning a bachelor's degree in political science at  
32 South Alabama and a master's degree in public administration at  
33 the University of Mississippi; and

34 WHEREAS, poised for greatness as a natural-born leader, Janus  
35 pursued his love of serving the community through his social and  
36 civic engagement, long before assuming his first term as a member  
37 of the Mississippi House of Representatives for District 117 in  
38 1996, Representative Janus devoted himself to the innovative  
39 growth and success of his beloved Biloxi in the State Legislature  
40 before resigning in 2009 to seek election to the office of Mayor  
41 of Biloxi; and

42 WHEREAS, after his unsuccessful bid for the office of Mayor  
43 of Biloxi, Michael was tapped to serve as the City Manager for  
44 D'Iberville, and it was during this time that he served as Chief



45 of Staff for Congressman Steven Palazzo before retiring to the  
46 private sector and establishing a development company, Southern  
47 Living Services, which had in its portfolio, the Estate at River  
48 Bend, a drug and alcohol treatment center in George County; and

49 WHEREAS, Representative Janus' love and deeply felt respect  
50 for the Legislature as a hallowed institution was innately  
51 apparent as he welcomed and mentored newly elected members from  
52 the Gulf Coast, as well as serving as co-founder of the Republican  
53 Caucus with fellow Gulf Coast delegation member and former  
54 Representative, Jim Simpson, upon receiving the blessing of then  
55 Governor Haley Barbour to do so; and

56 WHEREAS, not one to limit his community involvement to the  
57 political activity, Michael remained active in his district and  
58 dedicated to improving the quality of life for all citizens, as  
59 evidenced by his volunteerism with several different civic  
60 organizations, including: the American Legislative Exchange  
61 Council; Youth Business Leaders Association (past president);  
62 Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce (past vice-president); Boy's and  
63 Girl's Club (past president and board member); Knights of  
64 Columbus; Leadership Gulf Coast (Class of 2000); Boy Scouts of  
65 America (past district chairman); Harrison County Council of  
66 Government (past chairman); Hands on Gulf Coast (board member);  
67 Salvation Army (board member); and Harrison County Republican  
68 Executive Committee (board member); and



69           WHEREAS, while Michael's life was favored with many  
70 opportunities both far and near, those that really knew his heart  
71 knew that his first love was his darling wife, Mrs. Nathalie  
72 "Talie" Janus, who, in accordance with the blueprint divinely  
73 designed for the pattern of Michael's life by the Great Deity and  
74 grand architect of our lives' destiny, won her suitor's heart with  
75 her warm disposition, beautiful smile, genteel nature, and with  
76 whom he embarked upon a remarkable journey of love that spanned  
77 more than 26 years, which was highlighted with sparks of joy with  
78 the addition of two daughters; and

79           WHEREAS, Representative Janus led a life of bravery in the  
80 face of challenge and remained a phenomenal gentleman, grounded by  
81 his desire to improve the lives of others through positive  
82 example, hard work and the undeniable truths of the Word of God  
83 endeared to his heart as a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic  
84 Church; and

85           WHEREAS, though he has traversed life's river to now stand  
86 upon the celestial shores in wonderment of Heaven's grandeur in  
87 glorious reunion with the kindred spirits who transitioned before  
88 him, including his parents, the legacy of Michael's indelible  
89 imprint upon our lives will continue to refresh the hearts and  
90 fond memories of his beloved survivors: wife, Nathalie "Talie"  
91 Janus; daughters, Hannah and Sarah Janus; sister, Jennifer (Ken)  
92 Lockridge; sister-in-law, Nikki Nolte; nieces and nephews, Connor  
93 Lockridge, Corey Lockridge, Cameron Lockridge, Emilee Nolte, Will



94 Nolte, Buddy Bass and Stella Bass; and a host of other relatives,  
95 colleagues and friends; and

96 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to honor the  
97 laudable legacy of remarkable service of our former colleague and  
98 friend, Representative Michael Weston Janus, who represented his  
99 district, this body and the people of this state with honor and  
100 intrepid dignity, and whose monumental life of genuine  
101 selflessness illuminated the path of hope for all he encountered  
102 along this earthly sojourn:

103 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
104 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
105 THEREIN, That we do hereby mourn the loss and commemorate the  
106 esteemed and laudable career and public service of the most  
107 honorable, distinguished Gentleman from Harrison, former  
108 Representative Michael Weston Janus, to whose family we express  
109 sincere and deepest sympathy upon his passing.

110 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
111 furnished to the family of former Representative Michael Weston  
112 Janus and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

