

By: Representative Holloway

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE  
2 LIVES AND LEGACIES OF ZEB ANDREWS HUGHES AND JAMESON MED GUNNER  
3 PALMER, EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS  
4 UPON THEIR PASSING, AND RAISING AWARENESS OF BOATING SAFETY BY  
5 ENCOURAGING MISSISSIPPI'S OBSERVATION OF NATIONAL SAFE BOATING  
6 WEEK DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 21-27, 2022.

7 WHEREAS, it is written in II Corinthians 4:17-18, "For our  
8 light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far  
9 more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at  
10 the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen:  
11 for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which  
12 are not seen are eternal," and as such, the immaculate author and  
13 finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal presence of  
14 dearly beloved, Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer,  
15 to rest eternally, as they made life's final transition from  
16 earthly travailing to heavenly reward, on Thursday, December 3,  
17 2020, rendering great sorrow and loss to their families and  
18 friends; and

19 WHEREAS, the Hazlehurst, Wesson and Brookhaven communities of  
20 Copiah and Lincoln Counties, lost two wonderful friends, outdoor



21 enthusiasts and rising community pillars with the passing of Zeb  
22 Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer, and there is now a  
23 hush in our hearts as we come together to pay our respects to the  
24 memory of those who have been called to join that innumerable  
25 heavenly caravan; and

26 WHEREAS, born March 9, 1999, to Barry and Sharon Chassion  
27 Hughes, Zeb, a resident native of Wesson, was a devoted and loving  
28 son, brother, and an equally dependable, encouraging and  
29 trustworthy friend, who possessed a sense of humor that paralleled  
30 his affinity of the great outdoors, whether through his stellar  
31 sports play or heeding the call of the wild to be one with nature;  
32 and

33 WHEREAS, a graduate of Wesson Attendance Center, Zeb  
34 furthered his educational pursuits at Copiah-Lincoln Community  
35 College, East Mississippi Community College and Mississippi State  
36 University, and as a proud member of the Lincoln County Chapter of  
37 Ducks Unlimited, he unashamedly shared his love for the Lord with  
38 others while partaking in the pastimes he enjoyed most; and

39 WHEREAS, born March 7, 2004, to Med and Kim Palmer, Gunner, a  
40 resident native of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, was a devoted and  
41 loving son, brother and loyal friend who donned an uplifting and  
42 kind spirit; he was characterized as a jokester and dedicated task  
43 undertaker, particularly as those tasks related to hunting and  
44 outdoor related activities; and



45 WHEREAS, a member of the Wounded Warrior Veteran hunts and  
46 the National Wild Turkey Federation, Gunner was secure in his  
47 faith in Christ, as evidenced through his membership at Bethel  
48 Baptist Church; and

49 WHEREAS, the tragic and untimely passing of these bright  
50 lights of life and joy has saddened the hearts of both the Hughes  
51 and Palmer families who, while searching for a semblance of  
52 comfort and solace in knowing that their sons' transition to the  
53 spirit realm occurred while engaged in their passionate pursuit as  
54 great outdoorsmen, have united to raise awareness for boating  
55 safety; and

56 WHEREAS, in joining with the Hughes and Palmer families to  
57 emphasize the importance of boating safety, we encourage all  
58 boaters to observe the recommendations of the National Safe  
59 Boating Council, including: taking a boating safety course;  
60 checking equipment before launching; establishing a float plan by  
61 informing a nonoccupant of the trip itinerary, operator and  
62 passenger information, boat type and registration and available  
63 communication devices aboard the vessel; wearing a life jacket at  
64 all times; using an engine cut-off device; being weather and  
65 environmental conditions aware; having knowledge of destination,  
66 travel routes and navigating at safe speeds; never boating under  
67 the influence; and remaining in communication with a land-based  
68 individual; and



69 WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of safe boating  
70 practices, the United States Congress, by joint resolution  
71 approved June 4, 1958 (36 USC 131), as amended, has authorized and  
72 requested the President to proclaim annually the seven-day period  
73 before Memorial Day weekend as "National Safe Boating Week"; and

74 WHEREAS, in reflecting upon the abbreviated lives and  
75 meaningful impacts of Zeb Hughes and Gunner Palmer on the lives of  
76 all they encountered, we encourage all citizens of this great  
77 Magnolia State to honor their legacies by observing National Safe  
78 Boating Week during the week of May 21-27, 2022; and

79 WHEREAS, we encourage the families to find solace from the  
80 overwhelming sadness created by the earthly departure of their  
81 beloved family members and be renewed in their faith that Zeb and  
82 Gunner fulfilled the purpose of their appointed time in adherence  
83 to the commandment of II Timothy 4:7, by having "fought a good  
84 fight, finishing the course and keeping the faith until the hour  
85 of their departure was at hand"; and

86 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the  
87 lives of such remarkable individuals, as evidenced by the lives of  
88 Zeb Hughes and Gunner Palmer, whose lives, like candles in the  
89 wind, were prematurely extinguished, but sparked an inspiration of  
90 hope and renewed sense of responsibility and safety for those left  
91 behind:

92 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
93 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING



94 THEREIN, That we do hereby mourn the loss and commend the lives  
95 and legacies of Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer,  
96 expressing deepest sympathy to their families and friends upon  
97 their passing, and raising awareness of boating safety by  
98 encouraging Mississippi's observation of National Safe Boating  
99 Week during the week of May 21-27, 2022.

100 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
101 furnished to the families of Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med  
102 Gunner Palmer and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

