

By: Representative Williams-Barnes

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. CARMELITA  
2 JOYCE HANSHAW SCOTT, AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY  
3 AND FRIENDS UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, it is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "To  
5 everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under  
6 the Heaven," and as such, on February 17, 2022, the immaculate  
7 author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal  
8 presence of dearly beloved, Mrs. Carmelita Joyce Hanshaw Scott, to  
9 eternal rest, rendering great sorrow and loss to her family and  
10 friends; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Scott, the youngest of eight, was born in  
12 Biloxi, Mississippi, to the late Charles Francis and Sharon K.  
13 Peyton Hanshaw on December 12, 1980; and

14 WHEREAS, after graduating high school, Mrs. Scott continued  
15 her educational path, earning a bachelor of arts degree in mass  
16 communication/media studies from Dillard University in 2004, and a  
17 master of science in public relations, advertising and applied



18 communication from the University of Southern Mississippi, in  
19 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, as a lover of learning and life, Mrs. Scott  
21 continued on to complete several financial certification programs  
22 in Financial Education Delivery, Credit Scoring and Community  
23 Leadership through Neighbor Works America, as well as her Women's  
24 Entrepreneurship Certification from Cornell University; and

25 WHEREAS, having a true servant's heart, Mrs. Scott was  
26 initiated into the Mississippi Gulf Coast Alumnae Chapter of Delta  
27 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in 2008, and served as the Economic  
28 Development Chair for the past five years and participated on  
29 several committees; and

30 WHEREAS, from an early age watching her mother navigate life  
31 as a small business owner, it was always in Mrs. Scott to be her  
32 own woman of power and purpose, and her passion for the City of  
33 Biloxi, civil awareness and minority business development led her  
34 to serve on the Excel by 5 Advisory Board, Pathways 2  
35 Possibilities, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce  
36 Board of Directors; and

37 WHEREAS, Mrs. Scott's passion not only came with creating a  
38 seat at the table, but also pulling out a seat for others, as she  
39 pulled out the seat on multiple occasions by always sharing  
40 opportunities for small businesses to prosper, and this was  
41 exemplified by her serving as the Diversity Council Chair for the  
42 Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber and the FDIC Alliance for Economic



43 Inclusion Board, and her eagerness extended beyond the table and  
44 bled into the streets, and, overnight the Black Lives Matter  
45 symbol (mural) was shown proudly in East Biloxi; and

46 WHEREAS, Mrs. Scott also had a tremendous love for genealogy,  
47 which led her to research and not only find family, but also use  
48 the history of her ancestors to build a new and enhanced future  
49 for everyone around her, and for over 20 years, she was committed  
50 to public service and received several awards for her commitment;  
51 and

52 WHEREAS, Mrs. Scott was also a proud recipient of One Coast  
53 Top 10 Under 40; Success Conference - One to Watch, Hope  
54 Enterprise Improving Lives Award; Job Corps Building Communities  
55 Award; and the Biloxi NAACP Charlie Clay Community Service Award,  
56 and her loyalty, commitment, smile and ability to interface with  
57 individuals at all levels made her a leader in the community and  
58 workplace; and

59 WHEREAS, to know Mrs. Scott is to know power, and as she is  
60 small in package, but colossal in grit, determination, and  
61 resolve, she had a natural gift of educating and uplifting the  
62 community; and

63 WHEREAS, being a "multipreneur," Mrs. Scott maintained CJ  
64 Shaw the Brand since 2006, which housed her creative ventures to  
65 include The Cardigan Banker, and she was also the inaugural  
66 program coordinator for the East Biloxi Community Collaborative  
67 and served as the assistant vice president, and her final



68 professional act was being the community development relationship  
69 manager at Woodforest Bank for the Southeastern Region; and

70 WHEREAS, as a genuine and lovely woman of exceptional  
71 character, Mrs. Scott's legacy will continue for generations to  
72 come, and her outstanding devotion to her family will always be  
73 remembered, and precious memories of time spent with her will  
74 hopefully continue to provide warmth, peace and comfort to her  
75 loved ones; and

76 WHEREAS, though she has traversed the river of life to  
77 reunite with those who answered God's summons to life eternal and  
78 now beckon her arrival to the celestial shores of Heaven's  
79 grandeur, such as her parents, Charles Francis and Sharon K.  
80 Peyton Hanshaw; sister, Anita Roehelle Hanshaw; and niece, Chari  
81 A. Hanshaw, the legacy of Mrs. Scott's indelible imprint upon our  
82 lives will continue to refresh the hearts and fond memories of her  
83 loved ones, including her loving and devoted husband, Brandon R.  
84 Scott; sons, Nicholas, Canaan J., Josiah C., and Jasiel B. Scott;  
85 siblings, Charles A. Hanshaw, Angelique Vereen, Vashti R. Peyton,  
86 Adrienne P. Ragan, Robin J. Perry and Roheem A. Moore; nieces,  
87 Taryn L. Wyatt, Ashley N. Hanshaw, Chianne Peyton, Avery Moore and  
88 Giselle Ragan; nephews, Dezi Vereen, Brady Vereen, Jonathan Ragan  
89 Jr., Mickey Moore, Christian L. Peyton, Maxwell Moore and Landon  
90 Moore; and a host of other relatives and dear friends; and

91 WHEREAS, Mrs. Scott will forever be loved, cherished and  
92 missed by all who knew her, and since it is written in 2



93 Corinthians 5:8, that to be "absent from the body is to be present  
94 with the Lord," her family and friends can find peace and comfort  
95 during this difficult time; and

96 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
97 recognize and commend the lives of outstanding Mississippians,  
98 especially those such as Mrs. Scott, who certainly inspired  
99 everyone she met and whose life's light illuminated the path of  
100 hope for all she encountered along her earthly sojourn:

101 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
102 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
103 honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Carmelita Joyce Hanshaw Scott,  
104 and express sincere and deepest sympathy to her family and friends  
105 upon her passing.

106 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
107 furnished to the family of Mrs. Carmelita Joyce Hanshaw Scott and  
108 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

