

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.

