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(38th), DeBar, England, Frazier, Horhn,
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 503

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF FORMER STATE SENATOR JOSEPH
3 (JO) THOMAS STOGNER OF SANDY HOOK, MARION COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND
4 PAYING TRIBUTE TO HIS CAREER OF PUBLIC AND CHARITABLE SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, we join the residents of the Mississippi Senate
6 District 40 and state leaders in mourning the death of former
7 Mississippi State Senator Joseph (Jo) Thomas Stogner, who served
8 in Senate District 40 from 1988-2004. Senator Stogner was born on
9 April 13, 1939, in Tylertown to the late Lucille and Rossie
10 Stogner and passed away on June 30, 2021, at the age of 82; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Stogner was a longtime member of Crystal
12 Springs Baptist Church and a member of many organizations
13 involving agriculture and government. Joseph was a State Senator
14 for 16 years, where he served the community and state with honor
15 and distinction. He worked for Dairymen, Inc., as a Field Staff
16 Administer and owned and operated his own dairy and tree farm. He
17 encouraged young people to further their education through college
18 and would help them reach their greatest potential. Senator
19 Stogner enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching sports on TV, and



20 watching his grandchildren play sports. He stayed well-versed in
21 current events and issues. A gardener who enjoyed working with
22 his plants, he would share his harvest and eggs with his close
23 friends and family; and

24 WHEREAS, in his lifetime of service and dedication to his
25 community, Jo Stogner always remained a loyal friend who
26 maintained strong convictions and was dedicated to treating people
27 fairly and in a straightforward manner. With an unflinching duty
28 to public service and a commitment to making this world a better
29 place, Jo Stogner will be missed by his family, friends and
30 associates; and

31 WHEREAS, Senator Stogner is survived by his wife of 54 years,
32 Mary Jane Stogner; children, Michael Joseph (Wendy) Stogner and
33 Debera Lucille (Scott) Reeves; grandchildren: Mitchell Thomas
34 Reeves, Jakob Scott Reeves, Gage Langdon, Camryn Langdon and Davon
35 Whitworth; brother, Houston Kent (Cindy) Stogner; and
36 sister-in-law, Sharon (John) Hartzog. He was preceded in death by
37 his parents; step-mother, Fannie Johnson Stogner; mother-in-law,
38 Earline Thomas; father-in-law, Archie Thomas; brothers-in-law:
39 Richard Lloyd Thomas, Raymond Thomas, Walter Thomas and Leo
40 Brumfield; and sisters-in-law, Lazette Brumfield and Linda Thomas;
41 and

42 WHEREAS, Senator Stogner felt honored to be a member of the
43 State Legislature, where he truly enjoyed and took seriously the
44 duties and responsibilities of serving the people. He loved and



45 respected the body of the State Senate, its traditions, its
46 procedures, and the camaraderie of the men and women with whom he
47 worked and formed lasting friendships in the Capitol. Senator
48 Stogner was a genuine, humble man of strong principles and
49 integrity who cared about doing the right thing and was very good
50 at making government work to serve the needs of his community and
51 the people of Mississippi; and

52 WHEREAS, we pay tribute and cherish fondly the memory of this
53 most public-spirited citizen and friend of Mississippi:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
55 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
56 we do hereby extend the deepest sympathy of the Legislature to the
57 bereaved family of former State Senator Joseph (Jo) Thomas Stogner
58 of Sandy Hook, Marion County, Mississippi, and pay tribute to his
59 career of public and charitable service.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
61 the surviving family of former Senator Joseph (Jo) Thomas Stogner,
62 forwarded to the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, and made
63 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

