

By: Senator(s) Hill, Branning, Butler  
(38th), DeBar, England, Frazier, Horhn,  
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(13th), Sparks, Thomas

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.

