

By: Senator(s) Seymour, Simmons (13th),
Barnett, Blackwell, Butler (38th),
Fillingane, Hill, Horhn, Jackson (11th),
McCaughn, McLendon, Moran, Thomas

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 548

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF FORMER SENATOR AND SECRETARY
3 OF THE SENATE GEORGE P. SMITH OF WIGGINS, HARRISON COUNTY,
4 MISSISSIPPI, AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO HIS CAREER OF PUBLIC AND
5 CHARITABLE SERVICE.

6 WHEREAS, we join the residents of Mississippi Senate District
7 48 and state leaders in mourning the passing of former Mississippi
8 State Senator and Secretary of the Senate George P. Smith, who
9 served in Senate District 48 from 1980-1988 and Secretary of the
10 Senate from 2000-2004. The 86-year-old passed away on August 22,
11 2021; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Smith was born on January 12, 1935, in
13 Gulfport, Mississippi, to Hubert and Mildred Smith. He was also
14 preceded in death by his wife, Carol Smith; parents, Hubert and
15 Mildred Smith; son, Mark Smith; and brother, Larry Smith; and

16 WHEREAS, George was a loving husband, father, grandfather and
17 a friend to everyone. He attended Gulfport High School and was a
18 member of First United Methodist Church in Wiggins; and



19 WHEREAS, George enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1952 and served
20 in Guam during the Korean War. Upon his return, he graduated from
21 Perkinston College "MGCCC" and William Carey in Gulfport; and

22 WHEREAS, his entire life was dedicated to public service.
23 George served as a Gulfport Motorcycle Police, Alcoholic Beverage
24 Control Agent, Assistant Sheriff of Harrison County, State
25 Senator, Harrison County Youth Court Administrator, Tourism
26 Director for Harrison County and Tourism Director for the State of
27 Mississippi. George retired from the Mississippi Department of
28 Transportation in 2015 and then served as Alderman in Wiggins,
29 Mississippi. He also served as a board member for the Pat
30 Harrison Waterway District; and

31 WHEREAS, George loved playing all sports and was an avid
32 outdoorsman and loved Ole Miss football. He lived a full life and
33 lived it his way; and

34 WHEREAS, George is survived by his daughters, Susan Allen
35 (Joey) and Julia Threadgill (Ricky); son, Brian Cain (Chris);
36 daughter-in-law, Angie Smith; brother, Richard Smith;
37 grandchildren: Lauren Parker (Jonathan), Scarlett Bellot, Meghan
38 Smith, Porter Smith, Carson Thrash (Taylor), Keith Cain, Connor
39 Cain, Marissa Allen and Whitney Threadgill; 10
40 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews; and

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



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

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

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 Senator and Secretary of the Senate
58 George P. Smith of Wiggins, Harrison County, Mississippi, and pay
59 tribute to his career of public and charitable service.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
61 the surviving family of former Senator and Secretary of the Senate
62 George P. Smith, forwarded to the Board of Aldermen of Wiggins,
63 Mississippi, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

