

By: Senator(s) Butler (38th), Barnett,
Frazier, Simmons (13th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

1 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE PASSING AND COMMENDING THE CIVIC
2 CONTRIBUTIONS OF RANDY TATE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BOYS &
3 GIRLS CLUB OF PIKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXTENDING THE
4 CONDOLENCES OF THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE.

5 WHEREAS, we join the citizens of Pike County and the friends
6 of the Boys & Girls Club of America in mourning the passing of
7 Randy Tate; and

8 WHEREAS, Randy Tate was born and raised to the late Fred Tate
9 Sr., and Betty Jean Tate. He was a resident of Pike County,
10 Mississippi, until he departed from this life on November 29,
11 2021; and

12 WHEREAS, he was a devout member of Shady Grove Missionary
13 Baptist Church in Pike County, Mississippi. He was raised in the
14 church and confessed his love for Christ at an early age. Randy
15 served faithfully in the church and was an active board member;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Randy graduated from South Pike High School in 1976.
18 Upon graduation, he went on to serve his country, enlisting with
19 the United States Army, where he served four years. He then



20 furthered his education at Jackson State University. In 1984,
21 Randy obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Studies;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Randy Tate was employed with the Boys & Girls Club
24 of America. He served as the first and only Director and Chief
25 Executive Officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest
26 Mississippi. He had such a deep love for the Boys & Girls Club.
27 Randy remained dedicated, committed and loyal to his position for
28 over 30 years until God called him home. He was known and honored
29 on the national, state and local level for the work he did for the
30 Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Mississippi. Randy was truly a
31 giant in the community; and

32 WHEREAS, Randy had a heart for people and a deep unwavering
33 love for his family, which is what Fred Sr., and Betty Jean
34 instilled in their children. He was full of life and positive
35 energy; and

36 WHEREAS, Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Fred
37 Tate, Sr., and Betty Jean Tate; son, Kendrick Cockerham; and
38 sister, Diane Tate. He leaves to cherish his loving memories:
39 his wife, Yvonne Bates Tate; four children: Rashawn (Denise)
40 Tate, Randy Richard, Shameka Reed and RaShanda (Booker Jr.)
41 Littles; five siblings: Fred Jr. (Tonya) Tate, Paul Tate, Jimmie
42 Tate, Beverly (Kelvin) Patrick and Jermaine (Monica) Tate; ten
43 grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles,



44 relatives, church family, colleagues and friends who loved him
45 dearly. He will be missed by all:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby mourn the passing and commend the
48 civic contributions of Randy Tate, Executive Director of the Boys
49 & Girls Club of Pike County, Mississippi, and extend the
50 condolences of the Mississippi Senate.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
52 the surviving family of Randy Tate, forwarded to the Boys & Girls
53 Club of Southwest Mississippi and made available to the Capitol
54 Press Corps.

