

By: Representatives McGee, McCarty

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR.
2 CARLTON D. "CORKY" PALMER, AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS
3 FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS 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 Wednesday, August 10, 2022, the
7 immaculate author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the
8 mortal presence of dearly beloved, Mr. Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer,
9 to eternal rest, rendering great sorrow and loss to his family,
10 friends and community; and

11 WHEREAS, born on March 15, 1954, to Mr. Carl "Punchie" and
12 Mrs. Dorothy S. Palmer, Mr. Palmer graduated from Hattiesburg High
13 School in 1972, and from there, he graduated from the University
14 of Southern Mississippi, where he earned a degree in coaching and
15 athletic administration, and where he played baseball and served
16 as co-captain his senior year, and later, he obtained his master's
17 degree in education from William Carey University; and



18 WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding coaching career, "Corky"
19 served as head coach at Columbus Lee High School, Columbia High
20 School, Meridian Community College, where he guided his team to
21 the D1 Juco World Series Final at Grand Junction, Colorado, and
22 the University of Southern Mississippi, where in his final year,
23 he led the team to the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska,
24 and to honor his many contributions as a beloved figure in the
25 Hattiesburg baseball scene, he was inducted into the Mississippi
26 Sports Hall of Fame in 2011; and

27 WHEREAS, devoted to his faith, Mr. Palmer, along with his
28 wife, was an active member of Providence Baptist Church, where he
29 served on the finance committee and pastor search committee, and
30 his favorite scripture passage was Philippians 4:6-7; and

31 WHEREAS, though he has traversed the river of life to
32 reunite with those who answered God's summons to life eternal and
33 now beckon his arrival to the celestial shores of Heaven's
34 grandeur, such as his parents, Mr. Carl "Punchie" Palmer and Mrs.
35 Dorothy S. Palmer, and brother, Dale M. Palmer; the legacy of Mr.
36 Palmer's indelible imprint upon our lives will continue to refresh
37 the hearts and fond memories of his loved ones, including his
38 wife, Mrs. Deborah Bonnett Palmer; brothers, Ted Palmer and Mike
39 "Bodie" Palmer; a number of nieces and nephews; and a host of
40 other relatives and dear friends; and

41 WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer will forever be loved, cherished and
42 missed by all who knew him, and since it is written in 2



43 Corinthians 5:8, that to be "absent from the body is to be present
44 with the Lord," his family and friends can find peace and comfort
45 during this difficult time; and

46 WHEREAS, a genuine man of exceptional character, Mr. Palmer's
47 outstanding legacy will continue for generations to come, and
48 precious memories of time spent with him will hopefully continue
49 to provide warmth, peace and comfort to his loved ones; and

50 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
51 and honor the lives of great Mississippians, especially those such
52 as Mr. Palmer, a man whose life's light illuminated the path of
53 hope for all he encountered along this earthly sojourn:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
56 THEREIN, That we do hereby mourn the loss and honor the life and
57 legacy of Mr. Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer, and express deepest
58 sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
60 furnished to the family of Mr. Carlton D. "Corky" Palmer, and to
61 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

