

By: Representative Gunn

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF A FORMER  
2 ESTEEMED MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND  
3 EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, on January 14, 2023, the State of Mississippi, and  
5 particularly the Mississippi House of Representatives, lost a  
6 respected leader and former colleague with the passing of  
7 Representative Billy Nicholson, who was also a beloved father,  
8 grandfather and husband who loved all he met until he passed this  
9 life at the age of 74; and

10 WHEREAS, he was a devoted friend, trusting colleague and  
11 astute member of the Mississippi House of Representatives when he  
12 served in this august body from 2000 to 2012, representing  
13 District 78; and

14 WHEREAS, he was also an effective businessman who owned and  
15 served as an agent of State Farm Insurance greeting everyone he  
16 knew with a smile and a spirit of improving the quality of their  
17 lives; and



18           WHEREAS, a man of faith and standards, he was a dutiful  
19 public servant who was committed to enhancing the lives of all he  
20 met and desired to be a blessing to his community; and

21           WHEREAS, to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy of  
22 public service and stewardship, he leaves his beloved wife of 56  
23 years, Betty, daughters, Angie and Jennifer, five grandchildren,  
24 Madelyn, Bailey, Jes, Nic and Case, two brothers, Jerry and  
25 Clinton; and

26           WHEREAS, it is most fitting and appropriate to honor and  
27 celebrate the legacy of former members, like Billy Nicholson, who  
28 continued to serve his community with pride and passion until he  
29 left this earth to transition on to his heavenly reward:

30           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
32 honor and celebrate the life and legacy of our former colleague,  
33 Billy Nicholson, and express deepest sympathy to his family upon  
34 his passing.

35           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
36 furnished to the family of former House of Representatives member,  
37 Billy Nicholson and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

