

By: Representative Young

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28

1 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE REMARKABLE
2 LIFE, CAREER AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF MRS. REBA LEE ROY TO
3 THE COSMETOLOGY INDUSTRY UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, it is written in II Corinthians 4:17, "For our light
5 affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more
6 exceeding and eternal weight of glory," and as such, the
7 immaculate author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the
8 mortal presence of dearly beloved Reba Lee Roy to eternal rest, as
9 she made life's final transition from earthly travailing to
10 heavenly reward on June 14, 2021, rending great sorrow and loss to
11 her family and friends; and

12 WHEREAS, for more than 58 years, Mrs. Roy was a beacon of
13 hope and a pillar of inspiration in the cosmetology industry, for
14 those with whom she shared her knowledge and passion for hair and
15 beauty, which became embodied in the character, rapport and
16 respect she garnered from her clients, colleagues and students
17 alike; and



18 WHEREAS, a Thayer, Missouri native, born June 11, 1940, to
19 her late parents Mr. Earl and Mrs. Della Brewer, Mrs. Roy's
20 journey to cosmetology and eventually to the great "hospitality
21 state" began at Thayer Elementary and Thayer High School, and
22 initially took a slight detour through Lincoln, Nebraska's,
23 Lincoln Institute of Nursing, where she graduated as a practical
24 nurse; and

25 WHEREAS, eventually the pathways Mrs. Roy traveled converged
26 upon Mississippi's fertile soils, woodlands, rolling hills and
27 lush forests, and she commenced cosmetology studies at Fondren
28 Beauty College in Jackson, where, in addition to completing the
29 necessary requirements for graduation to become a licensed
30 cosmetologist, she also served as student president of Alpha Sigma
31 Chi; and

32 WHEREAS, determined to be exceptionally well-versed in her
33 chosen profession with the ability to exact precision in the
34 execution of style and coloring on any hair texture, Mrs. Roy
35 further enhanced her wheelhouse of skillsets by undertaking and
36 completing master stylist courses at Pivot Point International in
37 Chicago, master hair colorist courses at Clairol Institute of
38 Haircoloring in New York, before returning to Jackson to complete
39 cosmetology instructor courses at Shirley Little Academy, as well
40 as academic pursuits at Webster College, the University of
41 Southern Mississippi, Clark College, Hinds Community College and



Belhaven University in pursuit of a baccalaureate degree in bible philosophy, while minoring in psychology; and

WHEREAS, while simultaneously honing the craft that would place her in the elite tier of some of the world's most premier cosmetologists, Mrs. Roy's inaugural experience as a stylist began at Cinderella Beauty Salon in the quiet town of Forest, Mississippi, which laid the foundation for her first entrepreneurial endeavor as owner and master stylist of Siesta Beauty Salon and Beauty Box Beauty Salon, and allowing her voice to be heard across the airways as a disc jockey for WQST-WMAG Radio Station; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Roy's presence and repertoire in cosmetology evolved to include: commercial retail experience as manager of McRae's Beauty Salon and stylist at the J.C. Penney Salon; instructional and academic administrative experience at Beauty Centre Beauty College in Meridian, Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center, Shirley Little Academy, and as founder and president of Education Plus Seminars; and evaluator for the National Accreditation Commission of Career Arts and Sciences (NACCAS), headquartered in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Roy's heightened professional and insightful perspective on the cosmetology industry positioned her to be featured on prominent platforms both domestically and globally, including: a 1994 feature in the February issue of *American Salon*



66 Magazine; guest stylist for *American Salon Magazine*, *Modern Salon*
67 *Magazine* and *Hairstyle of the Month*; being a consecutive
68 two-time recipient of Mississippi's Community Leadership Award;
69 Scott County Woman of the Year; member of the Coiffure Creation
70 Committee; member of the Mississippi's three-time national winners
71 featured as a guest artist for the International Beauty Show in
72 New York; stylist for Cover Girl of the National Cosmetology
73 Association (NCA) 1975 Calendar; American guest at the 1980
74 European Championships; Steward for the 1984 Hair World event held
75 in Las Vegas; two-time World Championships participant as a
76 Steward for the Australian Team in 1976 and for the American Team
77 in 1988; competitor at World Open Competition in Vienna, Austria,
78 and Rose D'Or in Paris, France; alternate on the 1974 United
79 States Olympic Hair Styling Team; International Bronze Medallion
80 winner in the haircutting championships; former National
81 Pentathlon Champion; and former National Coiffure Creation
82 Champion, all of which have amassed her vast inventory of more
83 than 200 regional, state, national and international trophies,
84 awards and recognitions; and

85 WHEREAS, not limiting her time to the salon alone, Mrs. Roy
86 was a member and former high ranking officer of both the National
87 Cosmetology Association and the Mississippi Cosmetology
88 Association, and was engaged in the community through public
89 speaking engagements, serving as a trial expert witness, judge or
90 stylist in 48 states, talk-show special guest appearances and



91 featured facilitator and guest artist for more than 40 continuing
92 education seminars in more than 15 states; and

93 WHEREAS, though she has now traversed the river of life to
94 reunite in joyful fanfare with the kindred spirits who preceded
95 her to the celestial shores of paradise, including her parents,
96 siblings and first husband, Dallas Gene Roy, the enduring legacy
97 and indelible imprint of her life will continue to be endeared in
98 the hearts and memories of her surviving family and friends,
99 including her husband, Pope Godfrey; and

100 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
101 acknowledge the steadfast works of an individual of Mrs. Roy's
102 caliber, whose reputation preceded her, and whose selflessness was
103 a direct reflection of the hallmark of excellence she had
104 consistently personified through the entirety of her storied life
105 and career along this earthly sojourn:

106 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
107 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
108 mourn the loss and commend the life, remarkable career and
109 outstanding contributions of Mrs. Reba Lee Roy to the cosmetology
110 industry, and express heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends
111 upon her passing.

112 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
113 furnished to the family of the late Mrs. Reba Lee Roy and to the
114 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

