

By: Representative Scott

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60

1 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND  
2 LEGACY OF MRS. LULA MAE COLEMAN.

3 WHEREAS, it is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "To  
4 everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under  
5 the Heaven," and as such, on February 5, 2023, the immaculate  
6 author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal  
7 presence of dearly beloved, Mrs. Lula Mae Coleman, to eternal  
8 rest, rendering great sorrow and loss to her family and friends;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi lost a wonderful friend,  
11 loving mother and grandmother and dedicated community leader with  
12 the passing of Mrs. Coleman, who was born on May 7, 1933, in  
13 Heidelberg, Mississippi, to Betty Sue McMillan and John Caleb  
14 Lindsey, who unfortunately passed away when she was really young,  
15 and after her passing, her grandparents, Lula and George McMillan  
16 took on the responsibility for caring for her and her brother; and

17 WHEREAS, Lula Mae Coleman was a woman of uncompromised faith  
18 and a member of Mt. Mariah Missionary Baptist Church when she was



19 younger and then joined Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church  
20 after her marriage, and once she and her husband bought a home in  
21 Queensburg, she joined St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, where  
22 she led the Pastor's Aid Club, served as a Deaconess and in  
23 Missionary Ministry, and sang in the choir for over 60 years, and  
24 she now enjoys the eternal peace described in Luke 2:29, "Lord,  
25 now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to  
26 your word"; and

27 WHEREAS, Mrs. Coleman attended Friendship High School in the  
28 Hoy community, where she excelled in academics and basketball, and  
29 seeking to abide by the command in Proverbs 31:31, "Honor her for  
30 all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise  
31 at the city gate," she was employed with Nucare Convalescence  
32 Center (Laurelwood) as a certified dietary manager after she  
33 received her certification from Auburn State University; and

34 WHEREAS, through her role as a dietary manager, she attended  
35 many state conferences, where she was often recognized for her  
36 outstanding performance in her facility, and was called by other  
37 health care facilities for consultation, and after over 40 years  
38 of employment, she retired at the age of 71 but continued to serve  
39 throughout her community, specifically as a poll manager for many  
40 years; and

41 WHEREAS, Mrs. Coleman exchanged the vows of holy matrimony  
42 with her beloved, the late James Coleman, Jr., on February 25,  
43 1951, and the blissful union produced six beautiful children,



44 Denise, Tommie, Greg, Sandra, who passed in infancy, Beverly and  
45 Bobbie Bernard, and remained devoted and loving to one another  
46 until Mr. Coleman's passing after 44 years of marriage together;  
47 and

48 WHEREAS, a social butterfly who was a member of the Eastern  
49 Star and the Grandparent's Club, Mrs. Coleman also regularly  
50 participated in water aerobics and toured historic sites  
51 throughout the United States, including Hawaii, as well as those  
52 in more distant places like the Bahamas; and

53 WHEREAS, Lula Mae Coleman was a strong, loving and  
54 compassionate mother, grandmother, confidante and friend who  
55 touched the lives of all those who crossed her sweet and charming  
56 path, and her warm hugs, positive energy, contagious laughter and  
57 bright smile will be forever cherished by her family, friends and  
58 others who knew her and experienced her greatness; and

59 WHEREAS, as provided in 1 Peter 3:3-4, "Your beauty should  
60 not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and  
61 the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be  
62 that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet  
63 spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight." Mrs. Coleman  
64 possessed a gentle spirit and was keen on ensuring that her  
65 children received a firm foundation in Jesus Christ with devout  
66 church attendance and participation; and

67 WHEREAS, the memory of Mrs. Coleman, a woman held in the  
68 highest regard by friends and family as an inspiring and precious



69 gift from God, will continue to refresh the hearts and memories of  
70 her beloved survivors: children, Denise Huff (George), Tommie  
71 Coleman (Karla), Gregory Coleman (Diane), Beverly Thomas, Bobby  
72 Bernard Coleman (Tracee) and Nadia Thomas (adopted);  
73 grandchildren, Petrina Huff, Menza Huff, Versanti Kemp, Robin  
74 Lavelle Moore (Mary), Tommie Coleman Jr., Kia Coleman-Bing (Troy),  
75 Myah Coleman (Quinton), Damon Clark (Rachel), Lindsey Pou (Aaron),  
76 Greg Sampson, Nadia Thomas, Sandra Harris (Church), Keisha  
77 Chapman, Steven Holden (deceased), Bernondre Laster (Olivia),  
78 Ashana Coleman, Shaquille Coleman-Esther (Fernando), Ebonee  
79 Coleman and Free Jamaica Coleman; 42 great-grandchildren; 8  
80 great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Mattie Lee Dickinson  
81 and Zera B. Coleman; and a host of other relatives and friends;  
82 and

83 WHEREAS, we encourage the family to find comfort from the  
84 overwhelming sadness created by the earthly departure of their  
85 beloved family member in the following hymn: "When the darkness  
86 appears and the night draws near, And the day is past and gone,  
87 At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my hand  
88 precious Lord, lead me home, Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me  
89 on, let me stand, I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm alone, Through the  
90 storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light, Take my hand  
91 precious Lord, lead me home"; and

92 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
93 recognize and honor the lives of fine Mississippians, especially



94 those such as Mrs. Lula Mae Coleman, a gracious woman who loved  
95 her family and friends unconditionally and worshipped the Lord God  
96 Almighty with all of her heart and soul, bringing glory and honor  
97 to the State of Mississippi:

98       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
99 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
100 mourn the loss and commemorate the life and legacy of Mrs. Lula  
101 Mae Coleman, and express deepest sympathy to her family and  
102 friends upon her passing.

103       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
104 furnished to the family of Mrs. Lula Mae Coleman and to the  
105 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

