

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.

