

By: Representatives Clarke, Clark

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 61

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. ELMA MAXINE  
2 HOWARD SMITH, AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND  
3 FRIENDS UPON HER 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 January 27, 2023, the immaculate  
7 author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal  
8 presence of dearly beloved, Mrs. Elma Maxine Howard Smith, to  
9 eternal rest, rendering great sorrow and loss to her family,  
10 friends and community; and

11 WHEREAS, though she has traversed the river of life to  
12 reunite with those who answered God's summons to life eternal and  
13 now beckon her arrival to the celestial shores of Heaven's  
14 grandeur, the legacy of Mrs. Smith's indelible imprint upon our  
15 lives will continue to refresh the hearts and fond memories of her  
16 relatives, loved ones and dear friends; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith will forever be loved, cherished and  
18 missed by all who knew her, and since it is written in 2



19 Corinthians 5:8, that to be "absent from the body is to be present  
20 with the Lord," her family and friends can find peace and comfort  
21 during this difficult time; and

22 WHEREAS, a genuine and lovely lady of exceptional character,  
23 Mrs. Smith's outstanding legacy will continue for generations to  
24 come, and precious memories of time spent with her will hopefully  
25 continue to provide warmth, peace and comfort to her loved ones;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
28 recognize and honor the lives of exceptional individuals,  
29 especially those such as Mrs. Smith, a wonderful lady whose life's  
30 light illuminated the path of hope for all she encountered along  
31 this earthly sojourn:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
34 mourn the loss and honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Elma Maxine  
35 Howard Smith, and express deepest sympathy to her family and  
36 friends upon her passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
38 furnished to the family of Mrs. Elma Maxine Howard Smith, and to  
39 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

