

By: Representative Faulkner

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

1 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND  
2 LEGACY OF MR. ALVA BECK.

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 25, 2023, the immaculate  
6 author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal  
7 presence of dearly beloved, Mr. Alva Beck to eternal rest,  
8 rendering great sorrow and loss to his family, friends and  
9 community; and

10 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi and the City of Holly  
11 Springs lost a wonderful friend, loving father and community  
12 treasure with the passing of Mr. Beck, who was born on April 20,  
13 1948, in Holly Springs, Mississippi, to the late Eric and Dora  
14 Beck, and there is now a hush in our hearts as we come together to  
15 pay our respects to the memory of one who has been called to join  
16 that innumerable heavenly caravan; and

17 WHEREAS, a man of uncompromised faith, Mr. Beck accepted  
18 Christ at a young age and was a member of Asbury Methodist Church,



19 where he served as a Sunday School teacher, Chairman of the  
20 Finance Committee, a member of the Board of Trustees and as the  
21 creator and organizer of the Adult Recreation Ministry (ARM), and  
22 he now enjoys the eternal peace described in Luke 2:29, "Lord, now  
23 you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your  
24 word"; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Beck graduated from Holly Springs High School  
26 and earned a bachelor's degree from Rust College, and after  
27 graduating from Rust College, he moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, and  
28 other various locations throughout the United States as he  
29 progressed his career in insurance and finance before eventually  
30 settling his family in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked for  
31 Kroger for many years before he moved back to Holly Springs to  
32 care for his mother before her passing; and

33 WHEREAS, a true asset to the Holly Springs community, Mr.  
34 Beck firmly believed in leadership and providing service to his  
35 community, and for over a decade, he served as a board member for  
36 the Industrial Development Authority (IDA), including serving as  
37 board president and vice chair, and he was also a lifelong member  
38 and held various leadership roles with the Marshall County  
39 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)  
40 and was an executive committee member for the Marshall County  
41 Democratic Party; and

42 WHEREAS, in 2013, Mr. Beck married his longtime friend and  
43 companion, Emma Miller Beck, and they traveled the world together,



44 including making wonderful memories in Marrakesh, Morocco, San  
45 Pedro, Belize and New Orleans, Louisiana, before her passing; and

46 WHEREAS, Mr. Beck was a strong and compassionate father,  
47 uncle, confidante and friend who was a social butterfly that loved  
48 to entertain, and his bright, witty and adventurous soul will be  
49 missed by all who loved him and experienced his greatness; and

50 WHEREAS, the memory of Mr. Beck, a man held in the highest  
51 regard by friends and family as an inspiring and precious gift  
52 from God, will continue to refresh the hearts and memories of his  
53 beloved survivors: children, Dominique Samari, Anthony Beck  
54 (Sarah), Khadija Z. Craine and Audrey Okhiria; sister-in-law,  
55 Mamie Beck; nieces, Marie Fischer and Danita Beck-Wickwire; and a  
56 host of other relatives and friends; and

57 WHEREAS, we encourage the family to find solace from the  
58 overwhelming sadness created by the earthly departure of their  
59 beloved family member in Revelation 21:4, wherein is recorded,  
60 "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there  
61 shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall  
62 there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" and  
63 renewed in their faith that Mr. Beck fulfilled the commandment of  
64 II Timothy 4:7 by having "fought a good fight, finishing his  
65 course and keeping the faith until the hour of his departure was  
66 at hand"; and

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



69 those such as Mr. Alva Beck, a gracious, hard-working man who  
70 loved his family, friends and community unconditionally, bringing  
71 glory and honor to the State of Mississippi:

72 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
73 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
74 mourn the loss and commemorate the life and legacy of Mr. Alva  
75 Beck and express deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon  
76 his passing.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
78 furnished to the family of Mr. Alva Beck and to the members of the  
79 Capitol Press Corps.

