

By: Representative Banks

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. ROBERT EARL
2 DOW, SR., AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND
3 FRIENDS UPON HIS 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 Monday, February 13, 2023, the
7 immaculate author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the
8 mortal presence of dearly beloved, Mr. Robert Earl Dow, Sr., to
9 eternal rest, rendering great sorrow and loss to his family,
10 friends and community; and

11 WHEREAS, born on September 19, 1931, in Jackson, Mississippi,
12 to Mr. John and Mrs. Eddie Smith Dow, Mr. Dow was the youngest of
13 10 siblings, and grew up attending College Hill Baptist Church
14 with his family, and after he became an adult, he converted to
15 Christ and was baptized at College Hill on June 18, 1961; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Dow loved life, the Lord, his church, his
17 pastors, the brethren, and the sisters, and he served as a
18 committed member of the Laymen Ministry, Outreach Ministry, Mass



19 Choir and Male Chorus, and he also faithfully served as a member
20 of the maintenance team, repairing, painting, and decorating; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Dow met Ms. Malena Winfrey in February 1954, and
22 six months later, they united in holy matrimony on August 3, 1954,
23 and God blessed this union of 68 years and six months with two
24 sons, Robert, Jr., and Broderick; three grandchildren, Aaron
25 Robert, Brigitte Diane and Robyn Danielle; and two
26 great-grandchildren, Eden and Ethan; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Dow attended Jackson Public Schools and Jackson
28 State College Trade School, where he became proficient in brick
29 masonry, concrete finishing, carpentry and painting, and he was
30 also a veteran of the Korean Conflict, and was employed by Presto
31 Manufacturing Company as a machinist/mechanic, and he retired
32 after 38 years with the company; and

33 WHEREAS, Mr. Dow loved sports, watching movies, reading
34 newspapers, exploring and repairing, and his favorite pastime
35 included gardening plants, flowers, vegetables and shrubbery, and
36 feeding and watching the fish and birds; and

37 WHEREAS, gifted and multi-talented, Mr. Dow was an
38 inspiration to his family and friends, and he was blessed with an
39 iron-clad memory, a keen sense of humor, and a strong work ethic,
40 and with his heart of service for others, he sought to serve
41 wherever needed; and



42 WHEREAS, outstandingly, Mr. Dow was honored as College Hill
43 Personality of the Month in October 2000, and Man of the Year in
44 2001; and

45 WHEREAS, though he has traversed the river of life to reunite
46 with those who answered God's summons to life eternal and now
47 beckon his arrival to the celestial shores of Heaven's grandeur,
48 such as his parents, Mr. John and Mrs. Eddie Smith Dow; five
49 sisters, Amanda Allen, Cornelia Cantrell, Laura Lee Thomas,
50 Marguerite McKinney and Katherine Lee; and four brothers, John
51 Jr., Willie Charles, Joseph and James; the legacy of Mr. Dow's
52 indelible imprint upon our lives will continue to refresh the
53 hearts and fond memories of his loved ones, including his loving
54 wife, Malena; sons, Robert Jr., and Broderick; grandchildren,
55 Aaron Robert Miller, Brigitte, and Robyn; great-grandchildren,
56 Eden and Ethan Miller; brother-in-law, Ishmael Winfrey; and a host
57 of nieces, nephews, countless cousins, other relatives, his
58 College Hill Family and dear friends; and

59 WHEREAS, Mr. Dow will forever be loved, cherished and missed
60 by all who knew him, and since it is written in 2 Corinthians 5:8,
61 that to be "absent from the body is to be present with the Lord,"
62 his family and friends can find peace and comfort during this
63 difficult time; and

64 WHEREAS, a genuine man of exceptional character, Mr. Dow's
65 outstanding legacy will continue for generations to come, and



66 precious memories of time spent with him will hopefully continue
67 to provide warmth, peace and comfort to his loved ones; and

68 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
69 recognize and honor the lives of great Mississippians, especially
70 those such as Mr. Dow, a wonderful man whose life's light
71 illuminated the path of hope for all he encountered along this
72 earthly sojourn:

73 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
74 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
75 mourn the loss and honor the life and legacy of Mr. Robert Earl
76 Dow, Sr., and express deepest sympathy to his family and friends
77 upon his passing.

78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
79 furnished to the family of Mr. Robert Earl Dow, Sr., and to the
80 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

