

By: Representatives McLean, Boyd (37th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 164

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED LIFE AND LEGACY OF
2 PUBLIC SERVICE OF REPRESENTATIVE LYNN WRIGHT AND EXPRESSING DEEP
3 SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, on June 17, 2022, the State of Mississippi and the
5 citizens of District 37 lost a great advocate, sincere public
6 servant and dedicated family man when Representative Lynn Wright
7 transitioned this earthly life to heavenly reward; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Wright was a magnificent husband to
9 his beloved wife, Ginger, who lovingly remained by his side, and
10 cared for him daily until he took his last breath; and

11 WHEREAS, all who knew Representative Wright knew he was a
12 passionate athlete and his personal athletic talent and intellect
13 were evident as early as Carrollton High School (Alabama), where
14 he was a premiere student-athlete who graduated valedictorian in
15 1970, where he played football for Hall of Fame Coach Billy McGee;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, he carried his athletic talents to the University of
18 West Alabama (UWA) where he helped lead the Tigers to a 22-7-3



19 overall record during his three years in Livingston, including an
20 overall record of 8-1-2 and a trip to the NAIA Semifinals in 1972;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, after graduating from UWA in 1975, he used his
23 talents and knowledge of the game of football to train the next
24 generation of athletes by beginning his coaching career in 1983,
25 at McIntosh Academy, where he would serve as head coach through
26 the 1987 season, win four ACAC 2A State Titles and the NACA
27 Division II National Championship in 1984; and

28 WHEREAS, in 1988, he accepted the head coaching job at
29 Pickens Academy, where he remained for 16 years, during which time
30 he brilliantly led the Pirates to five AISA 2A state championships
31 in football and three baseball state titles as well; and

32 WHEREAS, during the course of his coaching career,
33 Representative Wright experienced an impressive 211-55 overall
34 record in 22 years of coaching football, owned a 237-77 record in
35 11 years of coaching baseball, coached five undefeated football
36 teams and put together winning streaks of 47 and 32 games; and

37 WHEREAS, in addition to coaching, he also served as the
38 headmaster at Pickens Academy, earning the AISA 2A Presidents
39 Award for the Highest Academic School in its class, and was also
40 a 2003 inductee into the AISA Hall of Fame, and as headmaster and
41 head coach of Jackson Academy and high school principal at New
42 Hope High School; and



43 WHEREAS, he served in education as headmaster and coach for
44 44 years of his life; and

45 WHEREAS, public service became his new passion in 2011, when
46 he was elected and served as Lowndes County, Mississippi,
47 Superintendent of Education from 2011 through 2019 during which
48 time the school district under his leadership received an "A"
49 rating from the state, a state of the art career technical center,
50 and two schools were built under his leadership, new Caledonia
51 Elementary and New Hope High School; and

52 WHEREAS, in 2020, his passions for public service led him to
53 the Mississippi House of Representatives when he was elected to
54 serve District 37 and served as a Republican, where he worked
55 diligently and passionately for his district until his passing;
56 and

57 WHEREAS, Representative Wright was beloved during his time as
58 a legislator, and he exuded patience, kindness and fortitude with
59 his colleagues, the House leadership and his constituents; and

60 WHEREAS, he also made sure his beloved Ginger was nearby as
61 she would often assist him in executing his duties to provide
62 exemplary service to the citizens of District 37; and

63 WHEREAS, of all titles, Representative Wright was most proud
64 to be a husband to Ginger, father to their sons, Josh, Jody and
65 Jonathan, and grandfather to his wonderful grandchildren; and

66 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
67 commend the lives of dedicated educators and leaders, who become



68 impeccable and committed public servants for the State of
69 Mississippi:

70 NOW, THEREFORE, as members of the House of Representatives of
71 the State of Mississippi, we do hereby honor the life and legacy
72 of the Honorable Representative Lynn Wright and express our
73 deepest sympathy to Ginger, Josh, Jody, Jonathan and other family
74 and friends for their tremendous loss.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
76 furnished to Mrs. Ginger Wright, Josh Wright, Jody Wright,
77 Jonathan Wright and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

