

By: Senator(s) Parks, Barnett, Boyd, Butler (38th), DeBar, Hill, Hopson, Jackson, Kirby, McCaughn, Michel, Norwood, Sparks To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 501

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE
2 LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF FORMER CHIEF OF THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY
3 PATROL AND COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND FORMER SERGEANT AT
4 ARMS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE DAVID RICHARD HUGGINS AND
5 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE ON HIS PASSING.

6 WHEREAS, the Legislature and the State of Mississippi lost a
7 wonderful friend, colleague, gentleman and effective law
8 enforcement officer with the passing of former Chief of the
9 Mississippi Highway Patrol, Commissioner of Public Safety and
10 former Sergeant at Arms of the Mississippi Senate, David Richard
11 Huggins, who passed away on August 10, 2022, at age 74. David was
12 an outstanding law enforcement officer and leader in the
13 administration of operations in the executive and legislative
14 branches of Mississippi government and was instrumental in the
15 political careers of numerous public servants; and

16 WHEREAS, David Huggins was born in Corinth, Mississippi, and
17 attended Biggersville High School. He then went on to attend
18 Northeast Mississippi Junior College and later attended, through



19 the University of Southern Mississippi, Forensics at Scotland Yard
20 located in London, England; and

21 WHEREAS, David started his career in the 1960s with the
22 Alcorn County Sheriff's Department before becoming a State
23 Trooper. On June 9, 1969, David graduated from The Mississippi
24 Highway Patrol Academy Class #27 and was assigned to Tunica,
25 Mississippi; and

26 WHEREAS, David married Judy Monroe on June 28, 1969, and they
27 were married for 53 years; and

28 WHEREAS, David and Judy also lived in Senatobia, Jackson,
29 Corinth and Brandon. From 1988 through 1992 David served as the
30 Chief of the Mississippi Highway Patrol. From 2000 through 2004
31 David served as the Commissioner of the Department of Public
32 Safety under Governor Ronnie Musgrove; and

33 WHEREAS, after his service as Commissioner of the Mississippi
34 Department of Public Safety, David was Sergeant at Arms for the
35 Mississippi Senate from 2004 to 2008. He then became Chief
36 Investigator for the State Auditor's Office in 2008; and

37 WHEREAS, David loved all types of recreation, whether it was
38 camping, water skiing or planning his grandkids' birthday parties
39 on the back deck. David also loved the Highway Patrol and
40 embraced the politics involved. On March 28, 2010, Governor Haley
41 Barbour signed H.B. 1159, to be known as the "David R. Huggins
42 Act." This bill ensured Mississippi Highway Patrol Troopers were
43 compensated for all the hours they worked; and



44 WHEREAS, David is preceded in death by son, Joseph Huggins,
45 parents, Frank, Sr., and Ruth Huggins and brother Frank Huggins,
46 Jr. David is survived by his lovely wife, Judy; daughters,
47 Rebecca (David) and Vicki; grandchildren: Payton, Sydnie, Madi,
48 Kaycee Jo, Wyatt, Katelynn and Haylee. He is also survived by his
49 brother, Martin Huggins (Neta); and

50 WHEREAS, "We send our thoughts and prayers to Commissioner
51 Huggins' family and friends," said Mississippi Public Safety
52 Commissioner Sean Tindell. "Huggins leaves a great legacy and
53 served a historic role within the Department of Public Safety,
54 Mississippi Highway Patrol and the State of Mississippi. He will
55 be greatly missed." David's love, commitment and lasting impact
56 on his family and the Mississippi Highway Patrol will be missed:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
58 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
59 we do hereby mourn the loss and commend the life and public
60 service of former Chief of the Mississippi Highway Patrol and
61 Commissioner of Public Safety and former Sergeant at Arms of the
62 Mississippi Senate David Richard Huggins and express the sympathy
63 of the Legislature on his passing and our thanks for sharing David
64 with us and with the State of Mississippi.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
66 the family of Commissioner David Richard Huggins and be made
67 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

