

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.

