

By: Senator(s) Fillingane, Johnson, Michel,  
Barnett, Branning, Butler (38th), Chassaniol,  
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 503

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE  
2 LEGISLATURE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF FORMER STATE SENATOR CHARLES  
3 STEVENS (STEVE) SEALE OF HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, AND PAYING  
4 TRIBUTE TO HIS CAREER OF PUBLIC AND CHARITABLE SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, we join the residents of the Mississippi Senate  
6 District 45 and state leaders in mourning the death of former  
7 Mississippi State Senator Charles Stevens (Steve) Seale, who  
8 served in Senate District 45 from 1993-1996. Senator Seale passed  
9 away on August 25, 2022; and

10 WHEREAS, Steve was born December 18, 1953. After graduating  
11 from Petal High School, he attended the University of Mississippi,  
12 where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in English and Political  
13 Science and pledged Sigma Nu. In 1987, he obtained his law degree  
14 from the University of Mississippi, where he won the Legal Writing  
15 Award; and

16 WHEREAS, from 1979 to 1984, Steve served on active duty as an  
17 officer in the United States Navy and served in the Naval Reserve  
18 from 1986 through 1991. He attained the rank of Lieutenant



19 Commander and was an Operations, Anti-Submarine Warfare and  
20 Intelligence Officer; and

21 WHEREAS, Steve began his law career in Hattiesburg at  
22 Heidelberg, Sutherland and McKenzie, before moving on to work at a  
23 variety of law firms in public policy and government relations;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Seale proudly served as a member of the  
26 Mississippi Senate, where he was Chairman of the Municipalities  
27 Committee, and later as Chief Counsel to the Majority Leader of  
28 the United States Senate, Senator Trent Lott. Prior to retiring,  
29 Steve held the position of Vice President of State and Local  
30 Government Relations for the State and Local Government Affairs  
31 Program (SAP); and

32 WHEREAS, Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Charles  
33 Seale and Lucile Stevens Seale. He is survived by his two  
34 daughters, Caitlin Watts (Ben) and Elise Seale, his greatest joys  
35 in life, and his brother, Richard Seale (Scott); and

36 WHEREAS, in his lifetime of service and dedication to his  
37 community, Steve Seale always remained a loyal friend, who  
38 maintained strong convictions and was dedicated to treating people  
39 fairly and in a straightforward manner. With an unflinching duty  
40 to public service and a commitment to making this world a better  
41 place, Steve Seale will be missed by his family, friends and  
42 associates; and



43           WHEREAS, Senator Seale felt honored to be a member of the  
44 State Legislature, where he truly enjoyed serving and took  
45 seriously the duties and responsibilities of serving the people.  
46 He loved and respected the body of the State Senate, its  
47 traditions, its procedures, and the camaraderie of the men and  
48 women with whom he worked and formed lasting friendships in the  
49 Capitol. Senator Seale was a man of strong principles and  
50 integrity who cared about doing the right thing and was very good  
51 at making government work to serve the needs of his community and  
52 the people of Mississippi; and

53           WHEREAS, we pay tribute and cherish fondly the memory of this  
54 most public-spirited citizen and friend of Mississippi:

55           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
56 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
57 we do hereby extend the deepest sympathy of the Legislature to the  
58 bereaved family of former State Senator Steve Seale of  
59 Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and pay tribute to his career of public  
60 and charitable service.

61           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
62 the surviving family of former Senator Charles Stevens (Steve)  
63 Seale, forwarded to former United States Senator Trent Lott, and  
64 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

