

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.

