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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 511

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE
2 LIFE, PUBLIC CAREER AND LEGACY OF FORREST COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR,
3 FORMER MAGEE ALDERMAN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE FORREST COUNTY
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND FORMER STATE SENATOR BILLY C. HUDSON AND
5 EXTENDING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE TO HIS SURVIVING FAMILY
6 AND FRIENDS.

7 WHEREAS, Mississippi lost one of its longest tenured public
8 servants with the passing of Forrest County Tax Collector, former
9 Magee Alderman, former President of the Forrest County Board of
10 Supervisors and former State Senator Billy C. Hudson at age 84 on
11 November 30, 2022; and

12 WHEREAS, Billy Hudson was a well-known Pine Belt businessman
13 who dedicated his retirement years to public service; and

14 WHEREAS, Billy Hudson was born on June 16, 1938. He studied
15 at the University of Southern Mississippi, the University of
16 Arizona and Perkinston Junior College. Professionally, Hudson
17 worked as a rancher and served as the former CEO of Hudson
18 Salvage; and

19 WHEREAS, Billy Hudson served as Forrest County District 5
20 Supervisor for two terms and as President of the Board of



21 Supervisors for four years. In 2007, he was elected as
22 Mississippi State Senator for District 45, and served his district
23 at the State Capitol for 12 years. In 2019, he decided to return
24 home to Hattiesburg and was elected Tax Collector, a decision he
25 made so that he would be able to serve his constituents in a more
26 personal, one-on-one manner; and

27 WHEREAS, former Senator Hudson represented District 45, which
28 consists of portions of Forrest and Perry Counties. Hudson served
29 as a Magee City Alderman. As a member and Chair of the Forrest
30 County Supervisors, his knowledge of local government was
31 extremely beneficial to the Mississippi Senate; and

32 WHEREAS, at the beginning of the 2015 Legislative Session,
33 Hudson served on the following committees: Agriculture, Chair;
34 County Affairs, Vice Chair; Environmental Protection, Conservation
35 and Water Resources; Finance; Highways and Transportation; Labor;
36 Rules; and Universities and Colleges; and

37 WHEREAS, Senator Joey Fillingane stated at the time of
38 Senator Hudson's retirement from the Senate, "I have been
39 privileged to have served alongside Senator Hudson over the last
40 two terms. As Agriculture Chair, he did a great job representing
41 our state's agricultural interest, which is still the Number 1
42 sector of our economy. That is pertinent to the farmers in our
43 districts and to the entire state"; and

44 WHEREAS, Senator Hudson is predeceased by his parents, Henry
45 Hudson and Trugen Hudson and brother, Micky Hudson. He is



46 survived by his wife, Barbara and his children: Trudi Abel
47 (Mark), Bill Hudson (Liz) and Ben Hudson (Michelle); and his
48 stepsons: Mark Ward (Suzie) and Marty Ward (Jill). Further, he
49 is survived by 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and

50 WHEREAS, Senator Hudson's service was marked by his
51 commitment to success and recognized leadership, sound judgment
52 and fairness. He set the highest standard in all his many roles,
53 as a father, husband, businessman, citizen, statesman and leader
54 in the Mississippi Senate and as a true friend:

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 mourn the loss and commend the life, public career
58 and legacy of Forrest County Tax Collector, former Magee Alderman,
59 former President of the Forrest County Board of Supervisors and
60 former State Senator Billy C. Hudson and extend the sympathy of
61 the Legislature to his surviving family and friends, and thank his
62 family for sharing Billy Hudson with us.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
64 the surviving family of Billy C. Hudson, forwarded to the members
65 of the Forrest County Board of Supervisors and be made available
66 to the Capitol Press Corps.

