

By: Senator(s) McCaughn, Barnett, Branning,  
Butler (38th), DeBar, Jackson, Kirby, Parker

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 524

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE  
2 LEGISLATURE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF FORMER STATE  
3 REPRESENTATIVE BILLY NICHOLSON OF UNION, MISSISSIPPI, AND PAYING  
4 TRIBUTE TO HIS CAREER OF PUBLIC AND CHARITABLE SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, we join the residents of Union, Mississippi, and the  
6 members of the Mississippi House of Representatives District 78  
7 and state leaders in mourning the passing of former Mississippi  
8 Representative Billy Nicholson who passed away on January 14,  
9 2023, at the age of 74; and

10 WHEREAS, Billy was born February 5, 1948. He was a loving  
11 father, grandfather, brother and son, who loved his family and  
12 loved to serve the Lord. For much of his life, Billy served the  
13 Union area as the owner and Agent of State Farm Insurance, which  
14 he enjoyed dearly; and

15 WHEREAS, former Representative Billy Nicholson served in the  
16 Mississippi House of Representatives from 2000 through 2012  
17 representing District 78. He was known for his public service  
18 through the community; and



19           WHEREAS, in his lifetime of service and dedication to his  
20 community, Billy Nicholson always remained a loyal friend, who  
21 maintained strong convictions and was dedicated to treating people  
22 fairly and in a straightforward manner. With an unflinching duty  
23 to public service and a commitment to making this world a better  
24 place, Billy Nicholson will be missed by his family, friends and  
25 associates; and

26           WHEREAS, Billy leaves to remember his legacy, his loving wife  
27 of 56 years, Betty Nicholson; daughters, Angie Henry (Sterritt)  
28 and Jennifer Hedgepeth (George); five grandchildren, Madelyn  
29 Hedgepeth, Bailey Buckley (Hunter), Jes Henry, Nic Henry and Case  
30 Henry; two brothers, Jerry Nicholson and Clinton (Teresa)  
31 Nicholson; and special extended family: Michele Hegwood Winstead  
32 and her family: Lauren Rich (Caleb), Caleb, Mason, Bryson and  
33 Demi Shane Hegwood (Aleshia) and their family, Chandler and Hannah  
34 Grace. Mr. Nicholson is preceded in death by his parents, Holcomb  
35 and Rozell Nicholson; sister, Glenda Nicholson Hegwood, and  
36 sister-in-law, Gearline Gentry Nicholson; and

37           WHEREAS, Representative Nicholson felt honored to be a member  
38 of the State Legislature, where he truly enjoyed serving and took  
39 seriously the duties and responsibilities of serving the people.  
40 He loved and respected the body of the House of Representatives,  
41 its traditions, its procedures, and the camaraderie of the men and  
42 women with whom he worked and formed lasting friendships in the  
43 Capitol. Representative Nicholson was a man of strong principles



44 and integrity who cared about doing the right thing and was very  
45 good at making government work to serve the needs of his community  
46 and the people of Mississippi; and

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

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
51 we do hereby extend the deepest sympathy of the Legislature to the  
52 bereaved family on the passing of former Representative Billy  
53 Nicholson of Union, Mississippi, and pay tribute to his career of  
54 public and charitable service.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
56 the surviving family of former Representative Billy Nicholson and  
57 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

