

By: Senator(s) Norwood, Horhn, Blount,
Frazier, Butler (38th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 537

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE TO THE SURVIVING FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF JACKSON
3 COMMUNITY LEADER AND ACTIVIST INEVA MAY-PITTMAN AND REMEMBERING
4 HER ADVOCACY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HER MANY ACHIEVEMENTS.

5 WHEREAS, we join the City of Jackson in mourning the loss of
6 Community Leader and Activist Ineva May-Pittman on January 2,
7 2023, at age 88; and

8 WHEREAS, "The City of Jackson is deeply saddened to learn of
9 the tragic death of Mrs. Ineva May-Pittman," Jackson Mayor Chokwe
10 Antar Lumumba said in a press statement. He further noted, "Mrs.
11 May-Pittman was a lifelong advocate for human rights and an active
12 member of numerous civic, religious, Civil Rights and professional
13 organizations. I consider her a mentor and a true friend"; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. May-Pittman was well known for her political
15 actions during the Civil Rights era and her commitment to civic
16 engagement. Ineva worked with Medgar Evers advocating for voting
17 rights, education and equal opportunity. In later years, she
18 became the Jackson NAACP Branch President. Her extensive work in
19 the community earned her respect and admiration in Jackson and



20 throughout the Mississippi communities. She was a member of the
21 National Business and Professional Women's Club, the National
22 Council of Negro Women, Jackson State University National Alumni
23 Association, the State Democratic Executive Committee, and the
24 Garden Club Council. Ineva was also a Gold Life Member of the
25 Lanier High School National Alumni Association (LHSNAA). As a
26 long-time, dedicated member of LHSNAA, she made numerous donations
27 to support students and school departments; and

28 WHEREAS, Mrs. May-Pittman had many accomplishments and
29 achievements. Her recognitions included: City Usher Ministry
30 Dedicated Service Award-1989; Black Women of Political Action-1989
31 for circulating petitions to save Smith Robertson Museum, and
32 petitioning the city to name the airport after Medgar Wiley Evers;
33 Jackson Association of Educators-1987; Jackson Public School
34 Distinguished Service Award-1988; National Council of Negro Women
35 Dedicated Service Award-1984; Jackson Section NCNW Finer Womanhood
36 Award-1978; Jackson Branch NAACP John H. Dixon Outstanding
37 Community Service Award, 1977, 1988; Personality of the South
38 Publication; LHSNAA Alumnus of the Year 2016 and many more; and

39 WHEREAS, in 2017, Poindexter Park was renamed in her honor, a
40 tribute to her contributions to the City of Jackson. Mrs.
41 May-Pittman is remembered as passionate and driven, and her legacy
42 demonstrates her involved dedication to the service of her people,
43 city and state; and



44 WHEREAS, Mrs. May-Pittman is survived by her son, Albert, and
45 one grandson; and

46 WHEREAS, we pay tribute and cherish fondly the memory of this
47 most public-spirited citizen of Mississippi, whose enormous civic
48 energy is an example to others of how to live your convictions
49 with courage and who will be missed by all Mississippians who have
50 been fortunate enough to have known her special wisdom:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
52 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
53 we do hereby extend the deepest sympathy of the Legislature to the
54 surviving family and friends of Jackson Community Leader and
55 Activist Ineva May-Pittman and remember her advocacy for human
56 rights and her many achievements.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 the surviving family of Ineva May-Pittman, forwarded to Mayor
59 Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and made available to the Capitol Press
60 Corps.

