

By: Senator(s) Carter, England, Seymour

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 543

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE TO THE SURVIVING FAMILY OF DR. CHESTER D. GASTON, JR.,
3 OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI
4 BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY, AND COMMENDING HIS OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL
5 SERVICE TO THE STATE.

6 WHEREAS, we join the family, friends, colleagues and students
7 of Dr. Chester D. Gaston, Jr., of Gulfport, Mississippi, in
8 mourning his passing on November 18, 2022, at age 78; and

9 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Board of Psychology asks that Dr.
10 Gaston should be honored for his outstanding service, not only to
11 the State Board of Psychology, but to the people of Mississippi
12 and the many students he mentored and his outstanding patient
13 care; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Gaston was a graduate of the following
15 universities: University of Mississippi with a B.F.A. in Design,
16 University of Nebraska with a M.A. in Psychology, and the
17 University of Southern Mississippi with a Ph.D in Clinical
18 Psychology; and



19 WHEREAS, he served in the United States Air Force as a
20 Cartographic Officer achieving the rank of Captain. Dr. Gaston
21 worked as a Staff Psychologist/Neuropsychologist at the VA Gulf
22 Coast Health Care System in Gulfport and Biloxi and retired in
23 2007; and

24 WHEREAS, he was a member of the American Psychological
25 Association (APA), Divisions 18 and 40, the Mississippi
26 Psychological Association (MPA), and he served on the Mississippi
27 Board of Psychology from 1999 to 2005; and

28 WHEREAS, he was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He
29 was a member of the Degas Pastel Society, where he won numerous
30 awards for his artwork. Dr. Gaston was an amazing artist and
31 lover of great music and food; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Gaston is survived by his wife, Janis M.
33 Gaston; his children, Jennifer Flatness (Gary) and Elizabeth
34 Tubertini (Andrew); three grandchildren: Isabel Tubertini, Davis
35 Tubertini and Abigael Flatness; his sister, Madeline Wilder
36 (George); and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in
37 death by his parents, Colonel Chester D. Gaston and Elizabeth
38 Eugenia Blake Gaston; and two sisters, Elizabeth Marshall and Mary
39 Anderson; and

40 WHEREAS, we pay tribute and cherish fondly the memory of this
41 most public-spirited citizen of Mississippi whose professional
42 leadership and service will be sorely missed:



43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
44 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
45 we do hereby extend the condolences of the Legislature to the
46 surviving family of Dr. Chester D. Gaston, Jr., of Gulfport,
47 Mississippi, respected member of the Mississippi Board of
48 Psychology, and commend his outstanding educational service to the
49 state.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
51 the surviving family of Dr. Gaston, forwarded to the Executive
52 Director of the Mississippi Board of Psychology and made available
53 to the Capitol Press Corps.

