

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.

