

By: Senator(s) Hickman, Barnett, Butler
(38th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI SENATE TO MR. RURAL AMERICA "DEE DOTSON" OF
3 GREENSBORO, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE MEMORABLE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH
4 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

5 WHEREAS, we join the family and friends of Dee Dotson of
6 Greensboro, Mississippi, in offering our sincerest congratulations
7 in recognition of his 100th birthday, a major event in the life of
8 this respected Mississippi citizen; and

9 WHEREAS, you can describe Dee Dotson as "Mr. Rural America."
10 He has lived 100 wonderful years by managing God's natural
11 resources and supplying families with locally grown vegetables
12 throughout Central Mississippi. Mr. Dotson is loved by everyone
13 because of his unique personality and radiant smile. Dee's humble
14 beginnings started five years after the Spanish Flu Pandemic in
15 1923 on the Dotson Family Farm, located in Choctaw County,
16 Mississippi. Dee learned the art of rural work under the tutelage
17 of his parents, grandparents, and the community's leadership. At
18 the tender age of six years old, he learned how to plow with a
19 mule, under the watchful eyes of his father. Learning the art of



20 plowing provided a gateway of other chores to be performed on the
21 farm; and

22 WHEREAS, Dee's life encompasses 17 U.S. Presidents, the Wall
23 Street Crash in 1929, the 1930's Dust Bowl, World War II, Jackie
24 Robinson and the integration of Pro-baseball, the Korean War, the
25 Civil Rights Movement, the assassination of Malcolm X and Dr.
26 Martin Luther King, Jr., America's Bicentennial, the first African
27 American President, and many other historical events. Through all
28 the past events above and his personal circumstances, Mr. Dotson
29 maintained his love for his family and growing vegetables, to help
30 develop healthy families; and

31 WHEREAS, Willie Dotson, the youngest son of Dee Dotson
32 indicates that "On an average day, my Pops spends upward of 10
33 hours working in the garden and around the family farm at 97.
34 Pops is always on the move and his life centers around working to
35 provide for his family and the community." His family clearly
36 appreciates his enthusiasm for creating a fruitful legacy for the
37 next generation; and

38 WHEREAS, Dee's weekly itinerary is filled with community
39 activities, including attending church. Dee serves as an usher
40 and sings in the male chorus at Union Chapel M.B. Church in
41 Greensboro, Mississippi. Bennie Edwards, Chairman of the Deacon
42 Board says, "We are extremely fortunate to have Mr. Dee Dotson as
43 a member of our church. He is a shining star for us to emulate."



44 Dee is also a founding member of the Winston County Self Help
45 Cooperative (1985); and

46 WHEREAS, we convey appreciation for an exceptional individual
47 who inspires others to excel and whose leadership skills are
48 leading America through these dark days of uncertainty:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
50 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the sincerest
51 congratulations of the Mississippi Senate to Mr. Rural America
52 "Dee Dotson" of Greensboro, Mississippi, on the memorable occasion
53 of his 100th Birthday Celebration.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
55 Dee Dotson and his family in honor of his birthday celebration and
56 be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

