

By: Representative Scott

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMEMORATING  
2 THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. HILDA MOORE TURNER.

3 WHEREAS, it is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "To  
4 everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under  
5 the Heaven," and as such, on February 15, 2024, the immaculate  
6 author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal  
7 presence of dearly beloved, Mrs. Hilda Moore Turner, to eternal  
8 rest, rendering great sorrow and loss to her family, friends and  
9 community; and

10 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi and the City of Fayette  
11 lost a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, friend and community  
12 treasure with the passing of Mrs. Turner, who was born on June 1,  
13 1944, in Fayette, Mississippi, to the late Luke and Regina Morgan  
14 Moore; and

15 WHEREAS, being from a large family, she learned early the  
16 great art of cooking and the high standards of work ethics, and at  
17 the age of 15, Mrs. Turner left school and took on a full-time job



18 of housekeeping, which sharpened her skills of being a great wife  
19 and mother; and

20 WHEREAS, on September 7, 1963, Mrs. Turner exchanged the vows  
21 of holy matrimony with the love of her life, Mr. Percy Turner, and  
22 "Rock," which was what she would affectionally call him and "Jo,"  
23 his pet name for her, created a Christian home for their three  
24 children, Vincent "Rick", Brenda and Tammie; and

25 WHEREAS, a woman of uncompromised faith, Mrs. Turner was  
26 baptized at an early age at the Hollywood Baptist Church under the  
27 leadership of the late Reverend M.J. Irving, and in 1990, she  
28 united with the Pine Grove Baptist Church under the leadership of  
29 her husband, the late Reverend Percy Turner, and she now enjoys  
30 the eternal peace described in Luke 2:29, "Lord, now you are  
31 letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word"; and

32 WHEREAS, Mrs. Turner blossomed as founder and President of  
33 The Willing Workers and a member of the Mother Board, and for over  
34 40 years, she served as the First Lady of Taylor Chapel, Pine  
35 Grove, Smithland, Bethlehem, Gold Mount, Greenleaf and Shiloh  
36 Baptist Churches; and

37 WHEREAS, because she was a very hard worker, Mrs. Turner  
38 worked alongside her husband in the dry cleaners for many years,  
39 then ITT Automotive, and finally Fleck, and in 1990, she became a  
40 full-time homemaker and made her mark throughout the region with  
41 her famous homemade pound cakes, and she cherished her time with  
42 her family and gardening; and



43           WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving and devoted husband  
44 for over 50 years, Reverend Dr. Percy Turner; her son, Vincent  
45 Turner, her parents, three brothers and two sisters, the memory of  
46 Mrs. Hilda Moore Turner, a woman held in the highest regard by  
47 friends and family as an inspiring and precious gift from God,  
48 will continue to refresh the hearts and memories of her beloved  
49 survivors: daughters, Brenda T. Buck and Tammie (Moir) Donelson;  
50 niece and nephew, Shaleta (Jamie) Martin and Alfred Turner; God  
51 daughter, Jessica Hunter; grandchildren, Percy (Alicia) Turner,  
52 Vincent Delon (Rodnesha) Buck, Amber Donelson, Haley Turner,  
53 Brittany Buck, Brandy (Phelisha) Pabon, Ashlynn Donelson,  
54 Dea'Breaun Turner, Colin Donelson, Tyrese Buck, Coby Donelson,  
55 Jadyne Hadnot, Zoe Johnson and Layla Martin; great-grandchildren,  
56 Jodi Hayes, Haiden Adams, Alia Williams, Avah Adams, Wesley Brown,  
57 Jr., Nova Buck and Ka'hari Clark; sisters, Dorothy Johnson,  
58 Matteal Shaw, Corrie Hunt, Mary White, Regina (Robert) Kent and  
59 Ruby (Larry) Scott; brothers, James (Lucy) Moore and Charles  
60 (Earlie); aunt, Gladys Tyler; sisters and brothers-in-law, William  
61 Turner, Robert Turner, Aaron (Linda) Turner, Rosie Turner, Nathan  
62 (Jackie) Turner, Lou Etta (Stonewall) Jackson, Shirley (James)  
63 Oliver and Leotyne Turner; son-in-law, Vincent K. Buck;  
64 daughter-in-law, Debra Turner; and a host of other relatives and  
65 friends; and

66           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
67 and honor the lives of fine Mississippians, especially those such



68 as Mrs. Hilda Moore Turner, a gracious woman who loved her family,  
69 friends and community unconditionally, bringing glory and honor to  
70 the State of Mississippi:

71 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
72 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
73 THEREIN, That we do hereby mourn the loss and commemorate the life  
74 and legacy of Mrs. Hilda Moore Turner, and express deepest  
75 sympathy to her family and friends upon her passing.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
77 furnished to the family of Mrs. Hilda Moore Turner and to the  
78 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

