

By: Representatives Steverson, Massengill

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 46

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RETIRED
2 MISSISSIPPI STATE TROOPER MICHAEL ELAINE "MIKE" GRIFFIN WHO LOST
3 HIS LIFE WHILE SELFLESSLY HELPING HIS FELLOWMAN DURING A VEHICLE
4 ACCIDENT.

5 WHEREAS, unexpectedly on September 4, 2023, retired
6 Mississippi State Trooper Michael Elaine "Mike" Griffin
7 unexpectedly passed away after sustaining injuries from a selfless
8 act of kindness assisting his fellowman during a vehicle accident
9 in Batesville; and

10 WHEREAS, born July 13, 1961, in Ripley, he was the son of the
11 late Sylvesta Elaine and Martha Criswell Griffin; and

12 WHEREAS, a 1979 graduate of Ripley High School, he continued
13 his education at Northeast Mississippi Community College to become
14 an electrician, but driven by his passion to serve, Mike changed
15 courses and enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in 1980, and
16 proudly served his country in the military as a Rifleman and
17 Remote Sensor Specialist until 1986; and

18 WHEREAS, his spirit for adventure and service to his
19 community led to his training and responsibilities as a



20 Mississippi State Trooper in 1987, and on June 2, 1990, Mike
21 married his beloved wife, the former Edna Huddleston of Falkner;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, after 34 years of proudly and faithfully serving the
24 State of Mississippi, Mike retired and was assigned as a
25 Government Affairs Liaison; and

26 WHEREAS, throughout each of his endeavors, he always strived
27 to improve himself and contribute positively to the lives of his
28 colleagues leading with exceptional friendliness and kindness
29 which left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege to
30 know him; and

31 WHEREAS, a faithful and active member of the Church of
32 Christ, Mike served as an Elder and Deacon for many years and was
33 also an active member of the Lion's Club; and

34 WHEREAS, he was also a passionate Ole Miss and Dallas Cowboy
35 football fan, who enjoyed dining out with family and friends,
36 tending to his yard and loving his wife and daughter; and

37 WHEREAS, as evidenced by his last act on earth, Mike was a
38 man of immense character and kindness, a pillar of his church and
39 community and beloved by all who knew him and now to those who did
40 not but heard of his heroic act; and

41 WHEREAS, to cherish his memory, he leaves his wife of 33
42 years, his daughter, Olivia, one brother, Ricky, two half-sisters,
43 Diane and Nina, his father-in-law, Wade, sisters-in-law, Linda and



44 Laura, and a host of nieces, nephews and his canine companions
45 "Jake" and feline friend, "Belle"; and

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we honor the
48 life and service of retired Mississippi State Trooper Michael
49 Elaine "Mike" Griffin who lost his life while selflessly helping
50 his fellowman during a vehicle accident, and express deepest
51 sympathy upon his passing.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
53 furnished to Mrs. Edna Griffin and to the members of the Capitol
54 Press Corps.

