

By: Representative Crudup

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LILLIAN LILLY UPON
2 THIS HISTORIC OCCASION OF THE PRODUCTION OF HER FIRST MUSIC VIDEO
3 AND RECOGNIZING HER YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE GOSPEL MUSIC INDUSTRY.

4 WHEREAS, Stellar Award nominee and world-renowned legendary
5 Gospel recording artist, Lillian Lilly, will do the production of
6 her first music video to the single, "At the Center of Grace" by
7 Xpress Music Group on Sunday, April 28th, 2024, at Christ
8 Tabernacle Church in Jackson, Mississippi, as a historic milestone
9 in her solo career in the Gospel music industry; and

10 WHEREAS, the music video will be a live performance in front
11 of an audience directed by James C. Birdsong, Jr., Miz Tiffany and
12 Justin M. Burks, national award-winning figures in the Gospel
13 music industry, entertainment and media arena, with Emmy Award
14 nominated noted news anchor Kayla Thompson of WJTV News 12 hosting
15 this historic occasion under production activities by JB
16 Productions of Madison, Mississippi; and

17 WHEREAS, Lillian will be joined by an ensemble of students
18 from the renowned Jackson State University Choir who will provide



19 choral support in the music video under the director of Dr. Harry
20 Cecil, faculty member of the Jackson State University Department
21 of Music; and

22 WHEREAS, a charter member and principal lead vocalist of the
23 two-time Grammy Award nominated, multi-Stellar Award, Dove and
24 Soul Train Music Award winning Mississippi Mass Choir since 1988,
25 Lillian Lilly, a Wesson, Mississippi, native, has been recording,
26 performing and touring for more than 35 years throughout the
27 United States and around the world; and

28 WHEREAS, the middle of 13 children, Lillian began singing at
29 a young age in local churches and elementary school with her twin
30 sister, Carolyn, as a member of The Two Star Juniors, which later
31 became the Traveling Stars during her teenage years with her
32 friends; and

33 WHEREAS, in 1979, Lillian recorded her first single, "I've
34 Got a Feeling that Everything's Gonna Be Alright" and opened for
35 Grammy Award nominated and winning groups such as the Jackson
36 Southernaires, the Mighty Clouds of Joy and the Williams Brothers
37 in concerts organized by the late Leon "Pop" Williams; and

38 WHEREAS, as a member of the Mississippi Mass Choir, Lillian's
39 best-known songs are "I Just Can't Tell You," "There Is None Like
40 Him," "Holy City," "Let Him Bless You," "Lord, You're the
41 Landlord" and her signature hit, "It's Good to Know Jesus," and
42 she made history as the first solo artist in the choir to record



43 two albums, "Gotta Have Faith" and "The Other Part of Me" on
44 Malaco Records; and

45 WHEREAS, on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, Lillian released "At
46 the Center of Grace" on Xpress Music Group written by James C.
47 Birdsong, Jr., and Shonda English, and she has plans to record her
48 next solo album with the label; and

49 WHEREAS, Lillian has received numerous awards, honors, and
50 nominations and also a RIAA certified platinum record for her
51 participation on WOW Gospel 1998 with the late Reverend James
52 Moore and the Mississippi Mass Choir; and

53 WHEREAS, Lillian is a member of St. James Missionary Baptist
54 Church in Brookhaven, Mississippi, where Reverend Dr. Larry
55 Jointer is the pastor; and

56 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
57 recognize and commend excellence when demonstrated through the
58 remarkable talent of Mississippi's native sons and daughters,
59 especially those of Lillian Lilly's caliber, whose mastery of her
60 craft has bestowed renowned national acclaim upon herself and the
61 State of Mississippi:

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
63 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
64 commend and congratulate Lillian Lilly upon this historic occasion
65 of the production of her first music video, recognize her years of
66 service in the gospel music industry and extend best wishes for
67 continued success in all her future endeavors.



68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
69 furnished to Lillian Lilly and to the members of the Capitol Press
70 Corps.

