

By: Senator(s) Boyd, Hopson, Michel, Suber, Sparks, Berry, Blackwell, Chassaniol, Chism, Fillingane, Frazier, McCaughn, Parker, Seymour, Whaley, McMahan, Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

1 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE LIFE AND  
2 PUBLIC SERVICE OF RENOWNED BUSINESSMAN, FORMER LAFAYETTE COUNTY  
3 SUPERVISOR AND FORMER STATE SENATOR, JOHN (JOHNNY) JORDAN MORGAN  
4 OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXTENDING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE  
5 MISSISSIPPI SENATE TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON HIS PASSING.

6 WHEREAS, the Legislature and the State of Mississippi lost a  
7 wonderful friend, colleague, well-known businessman, long-tenured  
8 public servant and gentleman, John (Johnny) Jordan Morgan, 76, of  
9 Oxford, Mississippi, who passed away on May 17, 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, Johnny Morgan was born February 20, 1947, in  
11 Jackson, Mississippi, to the late Eddie Mack and Beryl Jordan  
12 Morgan. A lifelong resident of Oxford and Lafayette County, he  
13 graduated from Oxford High School in 1965 and graduated from The  
14 University of Mississippi with a degree in Business  
15 Administration; and

16 WHEREAS, Johnny Morgan's passion for serving Mississippi and  
17 its residents was evident to all who knew him. He worked  
18 tirelessly for the betterment of not just his own community, but  
19 all of Mississippi. He served as State Senator from 1984-1992,



20 representing Lafayette, Yalobusha and Calhoun counties. He was  
21 later elected to serve on the Lafayette County Board of  
22 Supervisors for District 2, serving as president of the board for  
23 several years; and

24 WHEREAS, former Senator Johnny Morgan also co-founded the  
25 Good Ole Boys and Gals BBQ, an annual gathering of friends,  
26 candidates and political enthusiasts from across the state. The  
27 event, held on his property, served as a non-partisan affair for  
28 people from all parties and affiliations. Johnny looked forward  
29 to it each year and how it brought people from the entire state  
30 together. Throughout his political career, Johnny Morgan garnered  
31 a reputation as not only a competent politician, but a loyal  
32 friend and confidant to many. Governor Tate Reeves summed this up  
33 best: "Johnny Morgan was perhaps the most fiercely loyal person I  
34 ever met. If he was with you...He was WITH you! He loved Ole  
35 Miss, Mississippi Politics - and life!"; and

36 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr., upon  
37 hearing of the passing of his friend, proclaimed, "Our State and  
38 Johnny's legions of friends have lost laughter, a warm smile, a  
39 brilliant businessman, and a community and political leader"; and

40 WHEREAS, Johnny Morgan served as president of the Oxford -  
41 Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce, and also served on other  
42 boards such as the Oxford - University United Methodist Church,  
43 Mississippi Action for Progress, Mississippi Blood Services and  
44 the local Powerhouse board. He was an owner and founder of Morgan



45 White Insurance Group and CEO of Johnny Morgan & Associates Realty  
46 Firm, as well as vice president of Binswanger National; and

47 WHEREAS, Johnny Morgan is survived by his brother, Chip  
48 Morgan (Connie); nephew and niece, Trey Sandifer (Camille) and  
49 Lindsey Sheffield (Jason); four great-nieces and nephews; his dear  
50 friend, Allyson Duckworth; and numerous cousins and loved ones;  
51 and

52 WHEREAS, Senator Morgan's life and service were marked by his  
53 commitment to success and recognized leadership, sound judgment  
54 and fairness. He set the highest standard in all his many roles  
55 as a businessman, citizen, statesman and leader in the Mississippi  
56 Senate and as a true friend. His love, commitment and lasting  
57 impact on the Mississippi Legislature will be missed:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
59 MISSISSIPPI, that we do hereby mourn the loss and commend the  
60 life, career and legacy of renowned businessman, former Lafayette  
61 County Supervisor and former State Senator Johnny Jordan Morgan of  
62 Lafayette County, Mississippi, and extend the condolences and  
63 sympathy of the Mississippi Senate to his family and friends.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
65 the family of Johnny Morgan, forwarded to the Lafayette County  
66 Board of Supervisors and be made available to the Capitol Press  
67 Corps.

