

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.

