

By: Senator(s) Blackmon, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

1 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE BEST WISHES OF THE MISSISSIPPI
2 SENATE TO MOTHER LORENE GEE COCKROFT OF CARTHAGE, MISSISSIPPI, ON
3 THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

4 WHEREAS, Mother Lorene Gee Cockroft was born on May 6, 1924,
5 the fourth child of the late Vernon and Helen Micou Gee. She held
6 a special place in the family of seven sisters and five brothers
7 as the second daughter of the clan; and

8 WHEREAS, Mother Lorene has been blessed with a good, long
9 life. She is a devoted and loving wife of 45 years to David. She
10 is a loving mother to her sons, Ted, Clarence and Winifred, and a
11 dear grandmother to ten grandchildren and multiple great and
12 great-great-grandchildren. Mother Lorene loves each family member
13 and is gracious to her nephews, nieces and cousins; and

14 WHEREAS, Mother Lorene is a Christian, Godly woman. As a
15 child, Mother Lorene joined Center Hill Baptist Church in Conway,
16 Mississippi. In her adult years, she joined First Baptist M.B.
17 Church in Carthage, Mississippi, and later was a founding member
18 of Greater Mount Calvary M.B. Church. Mother Lorene served in



19 various capacities within the church which include, but are not
20 limited to, Sunday School Teacher, Usher Board member, member of
21 the Mission and Mother Boards, member of the choir, and member of
22 the Kitchen Committee; and

23 WHEREAS, Mother Lorene's whole life depicts character,
24 wisdom, morals, independence and spiritual gifts. She has used
25 these talents in various ways throughout the course of her life's
26 journey. Mother Lorene has also used her cooking skills
27 professionally, serving as Cafeteria Manager of Conway Vocational
28 School. Her attendance in workshops, seminars and conferences
29 were vital to her job performance. In addition to her service at
30 Conway Vocational School, Mother Lorene was employed with the
31 Carthage Corporation as an inspector for 20 years until her
32 retirement in 1985; and

33 WHEREAS, she was born when Calvin Coolidge was President of
34 the United States and Henry L. Whitfield was Governor of the State
35 of Mississippi. Mother Lorene's life has spanned the
36 administration of 17 United States Presidents from Calvin Coolidge
37 to Joe Biden and 25 Mississippi Governors from Henry L. Whitfield
38 to Tate Reeves; and

39 WHEREAS, we join the family and friends of this outstanding
40 Christian citizen of Mississippi in her 100th Birthday Celebration
41 held on May 4, 2024:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby express the best wishes of the



44 Mississippi Senate to Mother Lorene Gee Cockroft of Carthage,
45 Mississippi, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday Celebration,
46 and extend to Mother Lorene and her family our hope for future
47 happiness.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
49 Mother Lorene Gee Cockroft and her family, and made available to
50 the Capitol Press Corps.

