

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.

