

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Bryan, Blount,
Branning, DeBar, Frazier, Hopson, McCaughn,
Michel, Parker, Suber

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE SINCEREST SYMPATHY OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI SENATE TO THE SURVIVING FAMILY OF FORMER MISSISSIPPI
3 REPRESENTATIVE, VIETNAM VETERAN AND RESPECTED LOBBYIST HONORABLE
4 ROBERT LEE (BOB) EVERETT, III, AND COMMENDING HIS SERVICE TO HIS
5 COMMUNITY AND HIS STATE.

6 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of
7 former State Representative and respected Lobbyist Honorable
8 Robert Lee (Bob) Everett, III, (in his younger years, "Butch"),
9 who passed away at age 79 on March 21, 2024; and

10 WHEREAS, known for his love of the ocean, ripe tomato
11 sandwiches, and Blue Bell ice cream, Bob was a native of
12 Vicksburg, Mississippi, but had resided in Brandon, Mississippi,
13 since 1994. He graduated from Cooper High School in Vicksburg,
14 attended Hinds Jr. College in Raymond, received his B.S. degree
15 from The University of Southern Mississippi, and received his
16 M.B.A. degree from Mississippi College; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob was a Vietnam War veteran who served as a
18 hospital corpsman aboard the U.S.S. Sanctuary naval hospital ship.
19 He later joined the U.S. Army Reserves as an enlisted member of



20 the 412th Engineer Command in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and retired
21 as a Major; and

22 WHEREAS, Bob became interested in politics and government.
23 He gathered a group of his friends together, and they voted him in
24 as an Election Commissioner in Warren County and then Chairman of
25 the Warren County Republican Executive Committee; and

26 WHEREAS, Bob was elected to serve two terms (1980-1988) as a
27 Representative in the Mississippi Legislature from Warren County;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, after serving in state government, Bob became a
30 contract lobbyist representing various clients before the
31 Mississippi Legislature. In addition, he served as an interim
32 Supervisor in Rankin County in 2005 and an interim Alderman in
33 Brandon, Mississippi, in 2013; and

34 WHEREAS, Bob was an active member of St. Philip's Episcopal
35 Church in Jackson, Mississippi, where he served as a licensed lay
36 reader and in various other leadership roles over the years, and
37 was a dedicated supporter of Canopy Children's Solutions; and

38 WHEREAS, Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Lee
39 Everett, Jr., and Betty Penley Everett Hearn. He is survived by
40 his wife of 57 years, Laurelie (Lollie) Martin Everett, and two
41 daughters, Jill Everett and Emily Everett McLarty (Andrew). Bob
42 is also survived by four grandchildren: Kelsi Thomas (Matthew),
43 Caleb Owens (Lauren), Conner Owens, and Waverly McLarty; and one
44 great-granddaughter, Rynlee Chambers. Additionally, he is



45 survived by his younger sister, Sheila Franco (Sammy), and four
46 nieces and nephews; and

47 WHEREAS, Bob served as a leader and mentor. He consistently
48 lectured on ethics, integrity, civility, courtesy and adherence to
49 the Golden Rule. Bob's life honored his family, his community and
50 this great state that he loved and served:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
52 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the sincerest sympathy of
53 the Mississippi Senate to the surviving family of former
54 Mississippi Representative, Vietnam veteran and respected lobbyist
55 Honorable Robert Lee (Bob) Everett, III, and commend his service
56 to his community and his state.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 the surviving family of former Representative Bob Everett,
59 forwarded to the Vestry of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, and made
60 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

