

By: Representatives Scott, Smith

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE
2 LIFE AND LEGACY OF MAYOR DAVID TAYLOR II OF HEIDELBERG,
3 MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY,
4 FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY UPON HIS PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, it is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "To
6 everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under
7 the Heaven," and as such, on July 13, 2024, the immaculate author
8 and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal presence of
9 dearly beloved, Mayor David Taylor II of Heidelberg, Mississippi,
10 to eternal rest, rendering great sorrow and loss to his family,
11 friends and the entire community; and

12 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi and particularly, the Town
13 of Heidelberg and Jasper and Jones Counties, lost a loving father,
14 husband, school teacher and town leader with the unexpected
15 passing of 42-year-old Mayor Taylor, who grew up in Heidelberg and
16 graduated from Heidelberg High School before earning a bachelor's
17 degree in agricultural economics from Alcorn State University and
18 a master's degree in secondary math education from William Carey
19 University; and



20 WHEREAS, Mayor Taylor, sworn in as mayor on July 1, 2021, was
21 just beginning the last year of his first yet highly productive
22 term of office, during which he quickly fulfilled his campaign
23 promise of bringing a grocery store back to town in order to help
24 make healthy and fresh food options available to the community,
25 alleviating Jasper County's designation as a food desert; and

26 WHEREAS, as expressed in his own words, Mayor Taylor loved
27 "working with young people to help guide them to be better," and
28 among his many projects championed during his brief time as mayor
29 was the formation of the Mayor's Youth Council, an initiative
30 aimed at engaging, educating and connecting young persons to their
31 community; and

32 WHEREAS, for nearly 14 years, Mayor Taylor, a kind, gentle
33 and intelligent man, was an educator with the Laurel School
34 District, teaching advanced mathematics and serving as head coach
35 of the varsity volleyball team and an assistant basketball coach,
36 and in recognition of his outstanding service and genuine care for
37 his students, he was honored by being named the 2019 High School
38 Teacher of the Year for the Laurel School District and the 2016
39 Teacher of the Year for the Laurel ninth grade campus; and

40 WHEREAS, Mayor Taylor's loving spirit, dedicated service to
41 bettering the lives of others, and steadfast commitment to
42 improving his community earned him the respect and admiration of
43 all who had the privilege of knowing him, leaving a legacy of



44 kindness and inspiration that will endure for generations to come;
45 and

46 WHEREAS, the memory of Mayor David Taylor II, a gentleman
47 held in the highest regard by friends and family as an inspiring
48 and precious gift from God, will continue to refresh the hearts
49 and memories of his beloved surviving wife, Shana, and their two
50 children, David III and Bella, and a host of other relatives and
51 friends; and

52 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to recognize and honor the
53 lives of selfless Mississippians, especially those such as Mayor
54 David Taylor II, whose tireless contributions to the community in
55 which he lived profoundly enriched his fellow Mississippians'
56 quality of life, thereby benefiting the entire State of
57 Mississippi:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
59 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
60 THEREIN, That we do hereby mourn the loss and commemorate the life
61 and legacy of Mayor David Taylor II of Heidelberg, Mississippi,
62 and express deepest sympathy to his family, friends and the entire
63 community upon his passing.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to the family of David Taylor II, the Town of
66 Heidelberg, Mississippi, and to the members of the Capitol Press
67 Corps.

