

By: Representative Scott

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE,
2 LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF MRS. OTHA MAE SHELBY, AND EXPRESSING
3 DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, it is written in II Corinthians 4:17-18, "For our
5 light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far
6 more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at
7 the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen:
8 for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which
9 are not seen are eternal," and as such, the immaculate author and
10 finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal presence of
11 dearly beloved, Mrs. Otha Mae Shelby, to eternal rest on Tuesday,
12 February 4, 2025, rendering great sorrow and loss to her family
13 and many friends; and

14 WHEREAS, born on December 26, 1928, Mrs. Shelby was a woman
15 of great faith, wisdom and unwavering love, serving as the
16 matriarch of her family and a pillar of strength to all who knew
17 her; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shelby was a devoted mother to her three sons,
19 Bobby L. Wilson, Jerry Wilson and Thomas Wilson, raising them with
20 the values of hard work, education and faith, as she
21 demonstratively modeled the importance of saving and utilizing
22 resources to build a meaningful life; and

23 WHEREAS, a faithful and dedicated member of Bethlehem United
24 Methodist Church, Mrs. Shelby was a steadfast supporter of her
25 church and its members, serving as a spiritual advisor, mentor and
26 friend to many, ensuring that her legacy of faith and service
27 would live on through the lives she touched; and

28 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shelby was not only a mother to her own
29 children but also a mother figure to many in her community,
30 offering guidance, encouragement and unwavering love, embodying
31 the true essence of selflessness and compassion; and

32 WHEREAS, on the occasion of her 96th birthday, her family and
33 friends celebrated her legacy, recognizing her as a phenomenal
34 woman who exemplified grace, wisdom and perseverance, always
35 placing God first in all that she did; and

36 WHEREAS, though the departure of Mrs. Shelby has left a void
37 in the hearts and lives of all who knew her, the legacy of her
38 love, faith, and selfless service will forever be cherished and
39 honored; and

40 WHEREAS, we encourage the family of Mrs. Shelby to find
41 solace from these words recorded in II Corinthians 1:3-4, "Blessed
42 be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of



43 mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our
44 affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any
45 affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted
46 by God."; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
48 commend the monumental life of genuine individuals like Mrs.
49 Shelby, whose life was a testament to faith, family, and
50 community:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
53 mourn the loss, commemorate the life and legacy of Mrs. Otha Mae
54 Shelby, and express deepest sympathy to her family and friends
55 upon her passing.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
57 furnished to the family of Mrs. Otha Mae Shelby and to the members
58 of the Capitol Press Corps.

