

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.

