

By: Representatives Bailey, Hines

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 63

1 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND
2 LEGACY OF MRS. BETTY LYNN WEBBER CAMERON.

3 WHEREAS, it is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "To
4 everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under
5 the Heaven," and as such, on February 8, 2025, the immaculate
6 author and finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal
7 presence of dearly beloved, Mrs. Betty Lynn Webber Cameron, to
8 eternal rest, rendering great sorrow and loss to her family,
9 friends and community; and

10 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi and the City of Greenville
11 lost a dear friend, loving mother and grandmother and community
12 treasure with the passing of Mrs. Cameron, who was the first child
13 and only girl born to Malcolm Rell and Inez McGee Webber on
14 January 18, 1947, in West Point, Mississippi, and there is now a
15 hush in our hearts as we come together to pay our respects to the
16 memory of one who has been called to join that heavenly caravan;
17 and



18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cameron graduated from West Point High School
19 and continued her education at Delta State University, and while
20 she was part of the Fighting Okra, she didn't just study, she
21 excelled, as in 1968 alone, she was Homecoming Queen, campus
22 beauty, M Club Sweetheart, head cheerleader and Miss Delta State,
23 and in 1969, she graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in
24 business; and

25 WHEREAS, after her graduation, Mrs. Cameron moved to
26 Vicksburg where she began her lifelong devotion to community
27 service, and she worked for the Army Corps of Engineers and later
28 the United Way; and

29 WHEREAS, while in Vicksburg, Mrs. Cameron was active in the
30 Jaycettes, a service organization whose members served as
31 hostesses for the contestants of the Miss Mississippi Pageant, and
32 she served as president and corresponding secretary of the
33 Jaycettes, and she was also associate director of the Miss
34 Mississippi Pageant and was active with the Vicksburg Chamber of
35 Commerce; and

36 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cameron moved to Greenville in 1983, and she
37 quickly found her place in her new home and never stopped
38 promoting, uplifting and encouraging Greenville and the Delta, as
39 she worked with numerous organizations throughout her time in the
40 Port City, often serving in a leadership position; and

41 WHEREAS, among her many accomplishments, Mrs. Cameron was a
42 member of Delta Cotton Wives and was named as Good Middling Lady



in 2013, and she was very active in organizing and encouraging participation in Delta Legislative Day at the Mississippi State Capitol, where she not only promoted Greenville and Washington County, but the entire Delta region; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cameron was a life member of the Junior Auxiliary of Greenville, having served in several positions including president and selected queen of the JA Ball in 2001, and furthermore, as an active member of the Greenville Rotary Club, she served on a number of committees including board of directors and the district scholarship committee, and she served as the organization's president for the 2004-2005 club year of which she was the first woman to hold that position in Greenville, and she was also a Paul Harris Fellow; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Mrs. Cameron shared her vocal talents as a member of the chorus for the annual West Delta Chapter of the American Red Cross as well as being on the chapter board of directors and serving as vice-chairman, and because of her service to the local Red Cross chapter, she was awarded the Special Citation for Exceptional Volunteer Service by the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cameron was instrumental and most proud of her involvement in making the Greenville Higher Education Center a reality and bringing university level classes to Greenville; and

WHEREAS, she also served on the King's Daughters and Sons Circle, the Advisory Board for the Greenville Public Schools, the



68 Advisory Board of the Greenville Police Department, served on the
69 board of the Mississippi Folklife Festival, Washington County
70 Delta State Alumni Chapter, United Way of Washington County,
71 Junior Greenville Garden Club, Washington County Anti-Drug Task
72 Force, Delta Center Stage and the Boys and Girls Club; and

73 WHEREAS, in 2012, Mrs. Cameron was honored as the Woman of
74 the Year in the *Delta Democrat Times* Best of the Best Readers'
75 Choice Award and was also honored as Delta State's Alumnus of the
76 Year, and in 2015, the Elks Lodge of Greenville recognized Mrs.
77 Cameron with the Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award; and

78 WHEREAS, blessed with a volunteer spirit and a loving heart,
79 Mrs. Cameron has been recognized for her many volunteer endeavors
80 in the community throughout the years, and in 1995, the United Way
81 of Washington County bestowed the Peter J. Watzek volunteer award
82 on her; in 1999, she was named as the Greenville Rotary Club
83 Volunteer of the Year; and in 2001, she was awarded the Jake Stein
84 Award by the *Delta Democrat Times*; and

85 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cameron even went to Washington, D.C. to lobby
86 for awareness of arthritis, a cause that was dear to her heart as
87 she had suffered from rheumatoid arthritis since she was 30 years
88 old; and

89 WHEREAS, as a member of First Presbyterian Church in
90 Greenville for many years, Mrs. Cameron was an elder and a member
91 of the chancel choir, taught Sunday School and was a youth
92 advisor; and



93 WHEREAS, in 2000, Mrs. Cameron became the executive director
94 of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, a job she was born to do,
95 as she had previously served as a volunteer on the chamber's board
96 of directors, governmental affairs committee, community harmony,
97 and public relations committees; and

98 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cameron later became director of Main Street
99 Greenville, a position she held until her retirement in 2016, and
100 while in that position she, along with two dear friends, thought
101 it would be a good idea to start a festival, so they founded the
102 wildly popular Delta Hot Tamale Festival in 2012, and the three
103 ladies became known as the Hot Ta'Mama's; and

104 WHEREAS, while working at Main Street and until this year,
105 Mrs. Cameron was the director of the Education Foundation of
106 Greenville that awards scholarships to local high school seniors;
107 and

108 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cameron also later became a tour guide with the
109 Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau, working with the
110 various cruise lines that docked in Greenville, and she especially
111 enjoyed being a guide to the B.B. King Museum in Indianola; and

112 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cameron was preceded in death by her parents,
113 her baby brother, Ray Webber, and step-daughter Mary Margaret
114 Cameron; and

115 WHEREAS, the memory of Mrs. Cameron, a woman held in the
116 highest regard by friends and family as an inspiring and precious
117 gift from God, will continue to refresh the hearts and memories of



her beloved survivors: daughter, Hayley Holmes Sayle (Peter); granddaughters, Virginia McGee Sayle, Mary Ellis Sayle and Lillian Webber Sayle; brothers, Rell Webber (Sharon), John Webber (Donna) and Doug Webber (Leslie); step-daughter, Anna Cameron Oliver; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to recognize and honor the lives of fine Mississippians, especially those such Mrs. Betty Lynn Webber Cameron, a gracious woman who loved her family, friends and community unconditionally, bringing glory and honor to the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby mourn the loss and commemorate the life and legacy of Mrs. Betty Lynn Webber Cameron, and express deepest sympathy to her family and friends upon her passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to the family of Mrs. Betty Lynn Webber Cameron and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

