

By: Representatives Calvert, Denton

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 82

1 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND HONORING THE LIFE AND
2 LEGACY OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES
3 LEMUEL YOUNG, JR., AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY
4 AND FRIENDS 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, the immaculate author and finisher of
8 our souls' destiny summoned the mortal presence of the
9 distinguished Gentleman from Lauderdale, the Honorable
10 Representative Charles Lemuel Young, Jr., who represented House
11 District 82, situated in Lauderdale County, for 12 consecutive
12 years, as he has made life's final transition from earthly
13 travailing to heavenly reward on Wednesday, December 18, 2024,
14 rendering great sorrow and loss to his family and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, the Meridian community, and the entirety of
16 Lauderdale County lost a wonderful friend and charismatic leader
17 with the passing of Representative Young, born to his late
18 parents, former Representative Charles L. Young, Sr., and Mrs.
19 Doretha Connor Young, on July 9, 1962, and there is now a hush in



our hearts as we come together to pay our respects to the memory of one who has been called to join that innumerable heavenly caravan; and

WHEREAS, Representative Young was born and raised in Meridian, Mississippi, and he excelled academically, being one of the first African-American students chosen to participate in the talented and gifted program, and he graduated from Meridian High School and attended Tougaloo College and Mississippi State University - Meridian; and

WHEREAS, before assuming his first term as a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives for District 82 in 2012, Representative Young devoted himself to the innovative growth and success of his beloved Meridian, and in 1977, he purchased his first property from his father who wanted him to learn the real estate and property management business, and as an avid businessman, he owned and managed Charles Young, Jr. Investments, Charles Young, Jr. Management Company, and Charles Young, Jr. Real Estate Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Representative Young formed a company, named The Young Group, and entered into a contractual agreement with Delco Remy (a General Motors Company) to package armatures, bushings, housings and starters, and with five of his high school classmates, he operated his first minority business with a Fortune 500 company; and



44 WHEREAS, Representative Young also had an eye for technology
45 and saw an opportunity to participate in the cellular industry,
46 and he purchased 50% of a struggling business named CarToons, in
47 Jackson, Mississippi, which was an innovative automotive
48 electronics reseller and a reseller/activator of cellular
49 telephones, and under his management, in less than 90 days, it
50 became the number one cellular reseller/activator for Cellular One
51 in the State of Mississippi, and it was also the inventor of free
52 cell phone promotion; and

53 WHEREAS, in 1990, Representative Young formed New South
54 Technologies, a Chicago-based entity that developed fire retardant
55 technologies and environmental products for farm animals and
56 livestock, and Tomorrow's Technologies Today, which was a pioneer
57 in the prepaid cellular technology industry; and

58 WHEREAS, Representative Young was active in local, county and
59 state government, and in August 2011, he was elected to the
60 Mississippi House of Representatives for District 82, a seat
61 formerly held by his father, former Representative Charles L.
62 Young, Sr., and was sworn into office on January 3, 2012, and
63 throughout his tenure in the Legislature, he was appointed to
64 various legislative committees, including: Appropriations, Public
65 Health and Human Services, Universities and Colleges, Ethics, and
66 Medicaid; and

67 WHEREAS, outside of his public service, Representative Young
68 had a passion for grilling, cooking, and state of the art



69 technology, and he enjoyed playing cards and dominoes, cooking for
70 family, neighbors and people throughout his community, and anyone
71 who encountered him was thoroughly entertained and well-fed; and

72 WHEREAS, Representative Young was tremendously devoted to his
73 family and community, and made great sacrifices for both, and he
74 went out of his way to help everyone and often parted ways and
75 ended conversations with "let me know if I can do anything to
76 help", and his quick wit, heart of gold and infectious smile will
77 be cherished and remembered by all; and

78 WHEREAS, Representative Young's love and deeply felt respect
79 for the Legislature as a hallowed institution was innately
80 apparent in his welcoming and authentically pleasant and cordial
81 disposition, which have served as beacons of hope in pursuit to
82 preserve and nurture the integrity of the body for all
83 legislators; and

84 WHEREAS, not one to limit his community involvement to the
85 Legislature, Representative Young remained active in his district
86 and dedicated to improving the quality of life for all citizens,
87 as evidenced by his service on several local boards, including the
88 Boys and Girls Club, Easter Seals and United Way, and he was also
89 an active member of the Eastend Temple Lodge #4767, the local and
90 State Democratic Party, NAACP, Mississippi Legislative Black
91 Caucus, Mississippi Independent Beauticians Association, and
92 Mississippi Cosmetology Commission; and



93 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives will
94 cherish the bond and common goals for the betterment of this great
95 state shared with Representative Young over the course of the past
96 12 years, and that his impeccable service was unparalleled to the
97 Mississippi Legislature and to the constituents of District 82;
98 and

99 WHEREAS, Representative Young led a life of bravery in the
100 face of challenge, and through it all, he remained a phenomenal
101 gentleman, grounded in his integrity, who sought to improve the
102 lives of others through positive example, hard work and the
103 undeniable truths of the Word of God endeared to his heart as a
104 lifelong member of Newell Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal
105 Church; and

106 WHEREAS, though he has traversed life's river to now stand
107 upon the celestial shores in wonderment of Heaven's grandeur in
108 glorious reunion with the kindred spirits who transitioned before
109 him, including his parents, former Representative Charles L.
110 Young, Sr., and Mrs. Doretha Connor Young, the legacy of
111 Representative Young's indelible imprint upon our lives will
112 continue to refresh the hearts and fond memories of his beloved
113 survivors: son, William; siblings, Deidre Milton, Arthur S. Young
114 and the Honorable Judge Veldore Young Graham; nephews, Armand
115 Young, Douglas Milton, Michael Milton, Jr., Dennis Heidelberg and
116 Garrison Milton; grand-niece, McKenzie Young; and a host of other
117 relatives, colleagues and friends; and



118 WHEREAS, we encourage the Young family to find solace from
119 these words recorded in II Corinthians 1:3-4, "Blessed be the God
120 and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God
121 of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we
122 may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the
123 comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God"; and

124 WHEREAS, it is with sincere humility that the House of
125 Representatives honors the laudable legacy of remarkable service
126 of our former colleague and friend, Representative Charles Lemuel
127 Young, Jr., who represented his district, this body and the people
128 of this state with honor and dignity, and whose monumental life of
129 genuine selflessness illuminated the path of hope for all he
130 encountered along this earthly sojourn:

131 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
132 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
133 mourn the loss and commemorate the esteemed and laudable
134 legislative career and public service of the most honorable,
135 distinguished Gentleman from Lauderdale, Representative Charles
136 Lemuel Young, Jr., to whose family we express sincere and deepest
137 sympathy upon his passing.

138 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
139 furnished to the family of Honorable Representative Charles Lemuel
140 Young, Jr., and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

