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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 504

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE SINCEREST SYMPATHY OF
2 THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE TO THE SURVIVING FAMILY OF CHARLES JAMES
3 PITTMAN, FORMER MISSISSIPPI SENATOR AND STAFF MEMBER TO FORMER
4 GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR, AND COMMENDING HIS SERVICE TO HIS
5 COMMUNITY AND HIS STATE.

6 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of
7 Charles James Pittman, former State Senator and staff member to
8 former Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour, at the age of 76, on
9 August 27, 2024; and

10 WHEREAS, Charles was born July 6, 1948, in Knoxville,
11 Tennessee. He lived 64 years in Mississippi, and was the son of
12 the late Louise Horton and John Timothy Pittman of Clarksdale,
13 Mississippi; and

14 WHEREAS, Charles was honored to have been elected to
15 represent Grenada, Yalobusha and Tallahatchie Counties in the
16 Mississippi State Senate, at age 31. As a Senator and later as a
17 staffer to Governor Haley Barbour, Charles' door was always open



18 to assist citizens. Having a servant's heart, he approached his
19 public service as one of personal honor and duty; and

20 WHEREAS, having a great musical gift and love of music, in
21 1989 he founded the "MS Singing Senators," performing at the
22 Mississippi State Capitol Building, Mississippi's New York and
23 Washington, D.C., Picnics, the Neshoba County Fair and many radio
24 media outlets. Senator Pittman also famously sang the "Star
25 Spangled Banner" in the November 19, 1983, "Egg Bowl" in stormy
26 Veterans Stadium between the University of Mississippi and
27 Mississippi State University when the "Hand of God" blew the
28 Bulldog's winning field goal back from the goal posts, sending the
29 victorious Rebels to the Independence Bowl; and

30 WHEREAS, among the many awards Charles received, the most
31 prestigious were the Mississippi State Senate's Distinguished
32 Service Award for Public Service in 1997 and Governor Barbour's
33 Official Proclamation of December 14, 2011, declaring "Charles
34 Pittman Day in the State of Mississippi," upon Charles'
35 retirement; and

36 WHEREAS, Charles was a member of The Episcopal Church of the
37 Resurrection, in Loudon, Tennessee, The Order of the First
38 Families of Mississippi, the Sons of Confederate Veterans,
39 Lieutenant General John C. Pemberton Camp and The Friends of
40 Raymond, Mississippi, Civil War Preservation Group; and

41 WHEREAS, Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Louise
42 Horton and John Timothy Pittman, sister and brother-in-law,



43 Patricia Pittman and Mike Simpson; and maternal grandmother,
44 Sallie Hardin Horton. Charles is survived by his wife, Kathy
45 Hannan Pittman; daughters, Michelle Cox and Shauna Sullins
46 (David); granddaughters, Amy and Claire Cox; grandson, Austin; and
47 great-grandson, Kai David Sullins; and

48 WHEREAS, Senator Pittman's public life focused on ethics,
49 integrity, civility, courtesy and adherence to the Golden Rule.
50 Charles' life honored both the Mississippi Legislature and this
51 great state that he loved and served:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
54 we do hereby extend the sincerest sympathy of the Mississippi
55 Senate to the surviving family of Charles James Pittman, former
56 Mississippi Senator and staff member to former Governor Haley
57 Barbour, and commend his service to his community and his state.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
59 the surviving family of former Senator Charles James Pittman,
60 forwarded to The Friends of Raymond and made available to the
61 Capitol Press Corps.

