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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 544

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI SENATE TO THE SURVIVING FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF TALK
3 RADIO ICON PAUL GALLO AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO HIS CAREER AND PUBLIC
4 CONTRIBUTIONS.

5 WHEREAS, Mississippi lost one of its most iconic voices and
6 passionate champions with the passing of Paul Gallo on January 19,
7 2025. For over five decades, Paul didn't just talk about
8 Mississippi, he helped shape its story. From his first day behind
9 a microphone on February 12, 1968, to his final broadcast in
10 September 2024, Paul dedicated his life to his listeners, his
11 state, and the pursuit of truth; and

12 WHEREAS, dubbed the "Godfather" of talk radio in Mississippi,
13 Paul Gallo was born on February 12, 1947, and raised on his family
14 farm in the Mississippi Delta; and

15 WHEREAS, Paul's journey into radio began on his 21st birthday
16 when he stepped into the studio for the first time, receiving the
17 gift of a career that would define his life and leave a mark on
18 Mississippi. From DJ to Program Director, from sales and
19 management to ownership, Paul mastered every facet of the



20 industry. His name became synonymous with excellence in
21 Mississippi media, most notably as the host of *The Gallo Radio*
22 *Show*; and

23 WHEREAS, when Paul joined the SuperTalk family in January
24 1990, he helped bring Steve Davenport's vision of a statewide talk
25 network to life. What began as a single station grew into a
26 powerhouse network, amplifying Mississippi's stories and voices to
27 millions across the state and beyond via radio, SuperTalk TV, and
28 digital platforms; and

29 WHEREAS, to Paul, radio wasn't just a career, it was a
30 calling. His favorite part of the job, as he often said, was "our
31 audience family." His listeners weren't just numbers, they were
32 the pulse of everything he did. He made everyone feel like they
33 were sitting across the table from an old friend, drawn in by his
34 voice and captivated by his unwavering passion for Mississippi;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, Paul loved Mississippi deeply. It wasn't just the
37 backdrop to his career, it was his purpose. He believed in its
38 potential, celebrated its successes, and never shied away from
39 addressing its challenges. Whether shining a light on political
40 issues or spotlighting the human stories that defined the Magnolia
41 State, Paul used his platform to move Mississippi forward; and

42 WHEREAS, what truly set Paul apart was his gift for
43 storytelling. He didn't just report the news, he brought it to
44 life. With humor, heart, and an uncanny ability to weave complex



45 issues into relatable narratives, Paul could make listeners laugh,
46 make them mad, and make them think, but more importantly, he made
47 them care. Through his stories, he painted a vivid picture of
48 Mississippi's soul—the good, the bad, and the extraordinary. His
49 storytelling wasn't just entertaining, it was a masterclass in
50 connection; and

51 WHEREAS, Paul's impact on Mississippi politics was
52 unparalleled. From his desk in the studio, he became a true force
53 for change, holding leaders accountable and broadcasting the
54 voices of Mississippians who wanted to be heard. He played a
55 pivotal role in shaping debates and policy, challenging political
56 figures, and giving context to the most critical issues of the
57 day. His ability to break down complex topics with clarity, wit,
58 and passion earned him a reputation as a trusted voice of reason;
59 and

60 WHEREAS, over the years, Paul's guest list read like a "who's
61 who" of Mississippi and national newsmakers, from governors to
62 U.S. Senators, and everyone in between. His reach even extended
63 to the White House during pivotal moments in history. Yet despite
64 the high-profile interviews and national attention, Paul's focus
65 always remained on Mississippi - its people, its progress, and its
66 future; and

67 WHEREAS, off the air, Paul was a true nature lover who would
68 often sit on his back porch with family and friends to watch and
69 listen to birds serenade them. He was well-traveled, an avid



70 reader, and a passionate fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. Despite
71 moving away from the Delta as a young adult, Paul stayed true to
72 his roots and often returned there to fish and hunt with his
73 children and grandchildren. While "Gallo" may have been his most
74 recognizable title, his favorite was "Noonoo" to his six
75 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

76 WHEREAS, one of the things Paul was most proud of during the
77 latter part of his career was telling the stories of children in
78 need and helping those children find homes. He diligently helped
79 to raise nearly \$3 Million for the Palmer Home for Children during
80 SuperTalk Mississippi Media's Annual Radiothon; and

81 WHEREAS, throughout his life, Paul was recognized with many
82 awards, including being selected three times to the Mississippi
83 Top 50. In the days and weeks following his passing, Paul was
84 honored and remembered by local, state, and national leaders. His
85 memory was even celebrated on the floor of the U.S. Senate, and he
86 was praised for his exceptional career of informing the public and
87 commended for the impact that his voice had on the Magnolia State;
88 and

89 WHEREAS, Paul is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years,
90 Patsy; his children, Mark Galtelli (Susan) and Jennifer Campbell
91 (Jason); his grandchildren, Sarah Dearman (TJ), Grace Galtelli,
92 Katelynn Wallace (Austin), Chandler Bowman (Taylor), Kylie
93 Campbell, and McKinley Campbell; and his great-grandchildren,
94 Della Dearman, Fletcher Wallace, and Leddy Dearman. He is also



95 survived by his brother, David Galtelli (Sandy); his sisters, Ann
96 Brooks (Winston) and Maria Wolf; his brothers-in-law, Eddie Brooks
97 (Julie), David Brooks (Pat), Ricky Brooks (Tena), and Jerry
98 Thompson; his sisters-in-law, Susan O'Briant (Ronnie), Sandra
99 Serio (Dean), Deborah Rybolt (Donald), and Cathy Ramsay (Joe);
100 along with his SuperTalk family and the countless lives he touched
101 through the airwaves; and

102 WHEREAS, Paul Gallo's voice may be silent, but his stories,
103 his legacy, and his vision will forever echo across the state he
104 loved so dearly:

105 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
106 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
107 we do hereby extend the condolences of the Mississippi Senate to
108 the surviving family and friends of talk radio icon Paul Gallo and
109 pay tribute to his career and public contributions, and cherish
110 fondly the memory of this most public-spirited citizen of
111 Mississippi.

112 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
113 the family and friends of Paul Gallo and made available to the
114 Capitol Press Corps.

