

By: Representative Roberson

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. ROGELIO V.  
2 SOLIS FOR HIS REMARKABLE CAREER WITH THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AS CHIEF  
3 PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE WIRE SERVICE'S JACKSON OFFICE PHOTO.

4 WHEREAS, veteran photojournalist Rogelio V. Solis retired  
5 from The Associated Press in January 2025 after dedicating nearly  
6 three decades as chief photographer for the wire service's Jackson  
7 office; and

8 WHEREAS, a native of El Paso, Texas, Mr. Solis has lived in  
9 Mississippi since 1970, and he received a mass communications  
10 degree from Jackson State University and a photojournalism degree  
11 from the University of Missouri; and

12 WHEREAS, before he began working for The Associated Press,  
13 where he won numerous awards for his photojournalism, Mr. Solis  
14 was a photographer with the *Meridian Star* newspaper and the *Houma*  
15 *Daily Courier* in Louisiana, and he also served for three years as  
16 photographer for former Governor Ray Mabus' administration; and

17 WHEREAS, through his lens, Mr. Solis presented Mississippi to  
18 the world, as his photographs have been published locally,



19 nationally and internationally, and he chronicled Mississippi's  
20 most celebrated moments, including monumental sports victories,  
21 and its low points, including the massive destruction of  
22 hurricanes and other natural disasters as well as man-made  
23 calamity with criminal cases and trials; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Solis truly has a gift for capturing images that  
25 convey people's personalities, whether amid the devastation of  
26 Hurricane Katrina or during floor debates in the Mississippi House  
27 and Senate; and

28 WHEREAS, additionally, Mr. Solis was a high school classmate  
29 and friend of Deborah Hays, who eventually married Phil Bryant in  
30 1976, and when she became the state's first lady in January 2012,  
31 she provided a thorough tour of the Governor's Mansion for Mr.  
32 Solis, allowing him to capture memorable photos of the historic  
33 building, including from the rooftop; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Solis's photographs have shown the good, the  
35 bad, the ugly and the beautiful, and will live on as an important  
36 visual documentation of the Magnolia State's history, and he was  
37 often recognized by The Associated Press for shooting some of the  
38 most remarkable photos of the day or week nationwide, which  
39 received the AP TopPix designation; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
41 recognize and commend the tireless devotion to the betterment of  
42 Mississippi and honor the ardent vow to impeccable service that  
43 Mr. Rogelio V. Solis provided to The Associated Press for three



44 decades as chief photographer for the wire service's Jackson  
45 office photo:

46       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
48 commend and congratulate Mr. Rogelio V. Solis for his remarkable  
49 career with The Associated Press as chief photographer for the  
50 wire service's Jackson office photo and extend best wishes for  
51 continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

52       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
53 provided to Mr. Rogelio V. Solis and to the members of the Capitol  
54 Press Corps.

