

By: Representative Remak

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE, LEGACY AND PUBLIC SERVICE
2 CONTRIBUTIONS OF MR. DUTCH MILTON NICHOLS, FORMER MAYOR OF THE
3 CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY
4 UPON HIS PASSING TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Dutch Milton Nichols, a former mayor of Olive
6 Branch, Mississippi, departed this earthly life, to be in the
7 presence of the Lord, on December 31, 2025, at the age of 90,
8 bringing sorrow to his family, church family, friends, many
9 citizens of Olive Branch and beyond; and

10 WHEREAS, born on October 5, 1935, to his loving parents, Vea
11 and D. Frank Nichols, Mr. Nichols was reared in love, along with
12 his siblings, Harold, William and Sandra, and in 1945, as a child,
13 he moved to Olive Branch and later graduated from Olive Branch
14 High School in 1953; and

15 WHEREAS, after completing high school, Mr. Nichols attended
16 the University of Mississippi, where he was an active student as
17 he was a member of ATO fraternity and served as a campus senator,
18 and after graduating from Ole Miss, in 1957, with a degree in
19 banking and finance, he entered the work force and made



20 contributions at 1st National Bank in Memphis and then served as
21 an assistant comptroller of the currency with the United States
22 Treasury; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols, while working, enrolled in the Southern
24 Law University program, affiliated with Memphis State University
25 and earned a law degree in 1962, and six years later, he became an
26 entrepreneur and opened Olive Branch Insurance Company, where he
27 ensured that the needs of his clients were met; and

28 WHEREAS, after making contributions in the private sector,
29 Mr. Nichols began his public service as an alderman for Olive
30 Branch, where he was first elected in 1973, and he served in this
31 capacity, representing his district, until 1977; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols, after serving as alderman, continued
33 his public service to Olive Branch, as he was elected as its mayor
34 in 1977 and continued in this capacity for a remarkable five terms
35 until 1997; and

36 WHEREAS, throughout Mr. Nichols' tenure as mayor, he
37 effectively guided the City of Olive Branch through unprecedented
38 growth and expansion, and he was key in the establishment of the
39 city park, acquisition of the Wesson House and the Olive Branch
40 Airport - all of which are testaments of his renowned leadership
41 skills; and

42 WHEREAS, overall, through the service of Mr. Nichols in his
43 role of mayor, he actively pursued any project or businesses that
44 would benefit the citizens of Olive Branch, and even after serving



the city, he used his talents to serve the county as he was elected, in 2011, to the Desoto County School Board, where he represented District 1 until 2023; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a community servant, Mr. Nichols was a Christian as he was a member of Maples Memorial United Methodist Church, where he joined in 1957, and he was active in the church having served often as a chairperson on various committees during his years of membership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols, who was a Mason and Shriner, also gave back to the community as he was a member of various clubs and civic organizations, some of which include the Rotary Club, the Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce, which speaks volumes of his community minded focus; and

WHEREAS, along with being a community servant, Mr. Nichols received great joy by spending time with his wonderful family and reveling in his hobbies that included painting, gardening, history and talking as he never met a stranger as he generously shared his warm smile; and

WHEREAS, the memories of Mr. Nichols will continue to flourish in the hearts and minds of his survivors, some of whom include: his loving wife, Dorgie; daughter, Cindy (Barry); grandson, Rhett (Ginger); great-granddaughter, Emily; sister, Sandra as well as a host of other loved ones and friends, who will forever cherish the pearls of wisdom he so freely shared throughout his 90 years of blessed life; and



70 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
71 pay tribute and honor a selfless individual such as Mr. Dutch
72 Milton Nichols who is aptly described as a community servant and
73 whose service to the City of Olive Branch and DeSoto County will
74 be treasured by those who were blessed to know and love him as
75 well as those generations to come:

76 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
77 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
78 commend the life, legacy and public service of Mr. Dutch Milton
79 Nichols, and extend deepest sympathy upon his passing to his
80 family and many friends.

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
82 furnished to the family of Mr. Dutch Milton Nichols and to the
83 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

