

By: Reynolds, Thornton

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. GERALD H. DENLEY, EDITOR OF THE COFFEEVILLE
3 COURIER AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY UPON HIS
4 PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Gerald H. Denley, Editor of the Coffeeville
6 Courier, departed this life on Sunday, October 24, 1999, causing
7 great loss to his family and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Denley, born in 1912, spent all his life in or
9 near Coffeeville, Mississippi, and graduated from Coffeeville High
10 School in 1929; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Denley's college education at Mississippi State
12 was cut short by financial challenges and the depression in 1931;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Denley, a loyal patriot, fought in World War II
15 in the Battle of the Bulge and other campaigns in Europe; and

16 WHEREAS, after returning from the war, Mr. Denley worked with
17 his older brother, Sellers, to carry forward the family newspaper
18 his father acquired in 1910; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Denley devoted the majority of his time to
20 writing, editing, putting together and publishing the Coffeeville
21 Courier; and

22 WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Denley was a
23 former member of the Board of Aldermen of Coffeeville, a former
24 deacon of the Coffeeville First Baptist Church and a former member
25 of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Press Association;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Denley has been lovingly supported in all his

28 endeavors by his wife, Eloise; his son, James; and two
29 grandchildren; and

30 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Mississippi to
31 recognize outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Gerald H. Denley
32 for his dedication to the field of journalism and printing:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
34 REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby
35 commend the life and accomplishments of Mr. Gerald H. Denley and
36 extend our deepest sympathy to his family upon his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
38 furnished to the family of Mr. Gerald H. Denley and to members of
39 the Capitol Press Corps.