

By: Senator(s) Scoper, Gordon, Thames,
Kirby, White (29th), Minor, Johnson (19th),
Posey, Canon

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 522

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF FORMER STATE
2 SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE KENNETH O. WILLIAMS OF CLARKSDALE,
3 MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE ON HIS
4 PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, Kenneth Ogden Williams, former State Senator and
6 member of the House of Representatives, has passed away at the age
7 of 76; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Williams was a native of Clarksdale and a
9 graduate of Bobo High School; he served as a Sergeant in the Army
10 during World War II and received a political science degree from
11 Vanderbilt University in 1949; and

12 WHEREAS, he served in the Mississippi House of
13 Representatives from 1960-1983 where he served a term as Chairman
14 of the Appropriations Committee, and in the Mississippi State
15 Senate from 1988-1992 where he was Vice Chairman of the
16 Appropriations Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, he served on many committees in both houses and
18 helped spearhead the renovation and restoration of the New State
19 Capitol Building from 1988-1992 and the state's acquisition of the
20 Old Central High School Building to serve as the temporary State
21 Capitol; and

22 WHEREAS, he served as Chairman of the Mississippi Civil War
23 Battlefield Commission, was a member of the 11th Mississippi
24 Memorial Association that coordinated the construction of a
25 monument to the 11th Mississippi Regiment in Gettysburg National
26 Military Park; and



27 WHEREAS, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the
28 Delta Council, the Mississippi Farm Bureau, the American Legion
29 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

30 WHEREAS, his survivors include his wife, Frances; his
31 daughter, Frances Stewart; a sister, Ann Peacock; and one
32 grandchild; and

33 WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that we note the passing of
34 a true gentleman, whose interest in Mississippi history and
35 culture brought much vitality to the Mississippi Legislature, and
36 who brought effective representation and honor to his community,
37 county and district:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
40 we do hereby commend the life of former Senator and Representative
41 Kenneth O. Williams of Clarksdale, Mississippi, and express the
42 sympathy of the Legislature on his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
44 presented to the family of Senator Williams at the former Senators
45 Annual Reunion and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

