

By: Representative McCoy

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 90

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MR. WILLIAM  
2 ANDREW CANNON FOR SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II AND CIVILIAN SERVICE  
3 THEREAFTER AND EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND  
4 FRIENDS ON HIS PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, Mr. William Andrew Cannon departed this life on  
6 February 28, 2002, causing great sorrow and loss to his family and  
7 friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon, a longtime resident of Mississippi, was  
9 born on August 25, 1920, in Sweeny, Texas, moving to Corinth,  
10 Mississippi, at the age of two; and

11 WHEREAS, after graduating from Corinth in 1938, Mr. Cannon  
12 attended Western Kentucky University School of Business in Bowling  
13 Green, Kentucky, from 1938 to 1941; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon, in 1941, after completing his studies in  
15 Bowling Green, became a managing partner of the Van Bibber Lumber  
16 Plant situated in Fulton, Mississippi, before joining the United  
17 States Air Force to serve in World War II; and

18 WHEREAS, during military service to his nation, Mr. Cannon, a  
19 pilot with the 463rd Bombardment Group, served as 1st Lieutenant  
20 while stationed in Foggia, Italy, from 1943 to 1946; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon, along with the personnel of the 463rd  
22 Bombardment Group, exhibited commendable efficiency in skill,  
23 devotion, courage and determination while facing intense enemy  
24 opposition, flying gallantly through in wing formation to reach  
25 their designated target; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1945, on the Isle of Capri, Mr. Cannon married  
27 the former Lucy de Forcade de Biaix; and



28           WHEREAS, receiving an honorable discharge as 1st Lieutenant  
29 in May 1946, Mr. Cannon, received a Second War Department Unit  
30 Citation for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of  
31 duty in military operation against the enemy; and

32           WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon, upon being discharged in 1946, returned  
33 to the Van Bibber Lumber Plant in Fulton serving as a partner  
34 until 1954 before joining the Department of Defense in 1955,  
35 working as Maintenance Control Engineer for Public Works at the  
36 Naval Support Facility until 1983; and

37           WHEREAS, in 1983, Mr. Cannon joined Naval Communications  
38 Mediterranean as Facility Manager, retiring from that post on  
39 March 31, 1990; and

40           WHEREAS, having received numerous awards for active service,  
41 Mr. Cannon, at the time of his retirement, received the Department  
42 of Navy's Meritorious Award for Civilian Service and a  
43 commendation certificate for 38 years of service to the United  
44 States government; and

45           WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon's patriotic leadership, work ethic,  
46 congenial nature, constructive attitude, dedication to his  
47 country, and his forthright manner made a positive impact on all  
48 those who had the pleasure of working with him; and

49           WHEREAS, having retired to Booneville, Mississippi, where he  
50 was an avid golfer, Mr. Cannon was loved and motivated by a  
51 supportive family and survivors, which consists of: his loving  
52 wife, Lucy de Forcade Cannon; his son, Fred; his daughter, Tina  
53 Jennie; and his six grandchildren, Carlo, Crystel, Francesco,  
54 Elena, Lauren and Guglielimo; and

55           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to pay special  
56 tribute to the life of such an outstanding citizen as Mr. Cannon,  
57 whose patriotic fervency and love for this nation was exhibited  
58 during his life through his service to the United States during  
59 World War II and thereafter:



60           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
62 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life of Mr. William Andrew  
63 Cannon for the meritorious service he provided this nation during  
64 World War II and his civilian service thereafter and express our  
65 deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

66           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
67 furnished to the family of Mr. William Andrew Cannon and the  
68 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

