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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF FORMER STATE SENATOR
2 WILLIAM G. "BILL" BURGIN, JR., AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE
3 SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, former State Senator and long-time Senate
5 Appropriations Committee Chairman, William Garner "Bill" Burgin,
6 Jr., of Columbus, Mississippi, died on October 3, 2002; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Burgin was born in Rock Hill, South
8 Carolina. He graduated with a B.A. and a law degree from the
9 University of Mississippi in 1947; and

10 WHEREAS, he served in the Mississippi State Senate 1952-1960
11 and again 1964-1979. During his tenure, he was Chairman of the
12 Senate Appropriations Committee. He recently retired as Special
13 Assistant to the President of the Columbus and Greenville
14 Railroad. Senator Burgin, was an avid outdoorsman, gardener and
15 cook. His interest in grapes and wine led to the passage of the
16 Mississippi Native Wine Act and the establishment of Mississippi's
17 first native winery since prohibition; and

18 WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Cathy; daughter,
19 Helen B. Jensen and husband, Erik of Shaker Heights, OH; sons,
20 William G. Burgin III, and wife, Terry of Greensboro, N.C., Robert
21 M. Burgin and wife, Peggy of Floyd, VA., J. Ronny Harrison and
22 wife, Pam and William H. (Bill) Harrison and wife, Marie, all of
23 Columbus, MS. Senator Burgin was preceded in death by one
24 daughter, Lilian Susan Ruthledge. Also surviving are eleven
25 grandchildren, Addie Jensen, Emma and Ellen Burgin, Brennan and
26 Brent Rutledge, Beth, Allie and Russell Burgin, Lance Harrison,
27 Shan Sims and Sean Harrison and one great-grandchild Autumn Sims.



28 He is also survived by his stepmother, Nancy H. Burgin of Bells,
29 TN; brother, John Raymond Burgin and wife, Susan of Big Stone Gap,
30 VA; sisters, Nancy B. Basham of Columbus, MS, and Jane B. Cox and
31 husband, George of Cordova, TN; and lifelong friends, Turner Lee
32 Petty, Sr. and wife, Lula Bea of Starkville, MS; and

33 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of a
34 former member of the State Senate whose effective leadership is a
35 matter of record:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life of former State
38 Senator and Senate Appropriations Chairman William Garner "Bill"
39 Burgin, Jr., and express the sympathy of the Senate to his family
40 on his passing.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT this Resolution be presented to
42 Senator Burgin's wife, Cathy, and be made available to the Capitol
43 Press Corps.

