

By: Senator(s) Butler, Dearing, Lee (35th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 561

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC
2 SERVICE OF GLOSTER ALDERMAN AND FIRE COMMISSIONER ELLIOT DAVIS,
3 JR., AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, Gloster Alderman and Fire Commissioner Elliot Davis,
5 Jr., 51 years of age, died in a fire truck accident while en route
6 to a fire on February 22, 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, Alderman Davis was driving the town-owned fire truck
8 when the wreck occurred, about seven miles southeast of Gloster,
9 Mississippi, while responding to a grass fire; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was born on April 3, 1952, in Amite
11 County, Mississippi. He was the son of Elliot Davis, Sr. and
12 Lizzie Weathersby Davis of Gloster, Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, he worked with the Amite County School District, and
14 had previously worked at Georgia Pacific in Gloster, Mississippi
15 until it closed in 2002. He was an Alderman in Gloster Ward Five
16 since 1993, and Fire Commissioner in charge of the town fire and
17 ambulance departments; and

18 WHEREAS, Alderman Davis was a member of Sweet Home Baptist
19 Church where he served on the Finance Committee. He was a 32nd
20 Degree Mason and a member of Ezra Lodge Number 526, Father Joshua
21 of the Palace of Children, and a member of Gloster Heroines of
22 Jericho. He was a board member of Amite County Medical Services.
23 His family said he was kind and cared about the needs of others;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Amite County Training School in
26 Gloster, Mississippi and attended Alcorn State University in
27 Lorman, Mississippi; and

28 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife, Racheal Perry Davis of
29 Gloster, Mississippi; four sons, Lancinie A. Davis of Jackson,
30 Mississippi, Elliot Davis III and Jeremy Davis, both of Gloster,
31 Mississippi, and Rozario D. Davis of Liberty, Mississippi; one
32 daughter, Vanassa S. Davis of Gloster, Mississippi; two
33 grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other
34 relatives and friends; and

35 WHEREAS, Elliot cared about his ward and his city, and is
36 going to be missed by the community:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
38 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
39 we do hereby commend the life and public service of Gloster
40 Alderman and Fire Commissioner Elliot Davis, Jr., and express to
41 his surviving family the sympathy of the Legislature on his
42 passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented
44 Mrs. Racheal Perry Davis and be made available to the Capitol
45 Press Corps.