

By: Representatives Carlton,
Holland, Pierce, Vince, Coleman
(65th), Ishee

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PATRICK F. TAYLOR AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST
3 SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Patrick F. Taylor, Chairman, President, CEO and
5 owner of Taylor Energy Company and creator of the Taylor Plan
6 (TOPS), departed this life on Friday, November 5, 2004, to enter
7 into eternal rest, causing great sorrow and loss to his family and
8 friends; and

9 WHEREAS, born January 12, 1937, in Beaumont, Texas, to the
10 late Alex Taylor and Sibyl Partin Taylor Gayman, Mr. Taylor lived
11 a life full of magnificent accomplishments, receiving his
12 education at Kinkaid School in Houston, Texas, before attending
13 Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, where he joined the
14 Marine Corps PLC officer-training program during his sophomore
15 year; and

16 WHEREAS, after graduating from LSU with a degree in petroleum
17 engineering, Mr. Taylor entered employment with Texas oilman, John
18 Mecom, before forming his own consulting and production company
19 and subsequently founding Taylor Energy Company in New Orleans;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, a successful oilman, inspiring leader and a
22 prominent citizen in the community, Mr. Taylor wholly committed
23 himself to the ideal that every young person in the United States
24 should have the opportunity to achieve a quality education; and

25 WHEREAS, a staunch advocate for affording underprivileged and
26 financially encumbered students the opportunity to attend college,
27 Mr. Taylor conceived and prepared legislation for Louisiana to

28 provide for state-paid college tuition for academically qualified
29 students, which was adopted and signed into law on July 10, 1989,
30 becoming known as the "Taylor Plan"; and

31 WHEREAS, in 1986 he founded the Patrick F. Taylor Foundation,
32 a philanthropic organization benefiting education, law
33 enforcement, military, community charitable organizations and
34 other humanitarian efforts; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor received numerous awards and honors from
36 many organizations, including: the United States Marine Corps,
37 Marine Forces Reserve, Marine Corps League, Department of the
38 Navy, Veterans of Foreign Wars, United States Olympic Committee,
39 Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, National
40 Brotherhood of Christians and Jews, NAACP, Urban League, Society
41 of Petroleum Engineers, Caring Institute, Kiwanis International,
42 Rotary International, Volunteers of America, Freedoms Foundation
43 of Valley Forge and the National Football League; and

44 WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II bestowed upon him the Medal of
45 Benemerente, the highest award given by the Vatican to a
46 non-Catholic; and

47 WHEREAS, in addition to his numerous awards and honors, Mr.
48 Taylor received several honorary doctorates from colleges and
49 universities across the United States; and

50 WHEREAS, hailed as a strong community pillar, Mr. Taylor is
51 survived by his wife, Mrs. Phyllis Miller Taylor, to whom he was
52 married for 39 years; brother, Michael P. Taylor; and sister,
53 Barbara G. Stevenson; and

54 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
55 and commend excellence in the lives of outstanding humanitarians
56 such as Mr. Taylor, whose life was a pinnacle of giving and
57 excellence, and served as a beacon of hope and inspiration for
58 all:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
60 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING

61 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and accomplishments of
62 Mr. Patrick F. Taylor and express deepest sympathies to his family
63 and friends upon his passing.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to the family of Mr. Patrick F. Taylor and to the
66 members of the Capitol Press Corps.