

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
2 OFFICER THOMAS DRUMANE CATCHINGS, SR., AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST
3 SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Officer Thomas Drumane Catchings, Sr., born December
5 26, 1964, to the late Christabelle Pendleton Larry and Daniel
6 Larry of Jackson, Mississippi, departed this earthly life on
7 Thursday, March 17, 2005, in furtherance of serving and protecting
8 the citizens of Jackson, causing great sorrow and loss to his
9 family and friends; and

10 WHEREAS, a graduate of Murrah High School and JROTC Battalion
11 Commander, who furthered his education at Paul Quinn College in
12 Waco, Texas, Officer Catchings, known for his valued work ethic,
13 went above and beyond the call of duty; and

14 WHEREAS, a twelve-year veteran officer with the Jackson
15 Police Department, his zeal for his duties in law enforcement was
16 evidenced through his involvement on the Neighborhood Enforcement
17 Team, as well as being a School Resource Officer with Capital City
18 Alternative School; and

19 WHEREAS, instrumental in the efforts of the Jackson Police
20 Department's Annual Christmas Celebration to provide gifts for
21 less fortunate children, Officer Catchings combined his love of
22 law enforcement with his passion for riding motorcycles when in
23 2004 he joined the Motor Unit of the Jackson Police Department
24 Traffic Division; and

25 WHEREAS, having lost his life in the line of duty, Officer
26 Catchings, a lifelong member of Pearl Street A.M.E. Church, a
27 loving husband, father, son, brother and friend, will be sorely

28 missed by those who experienced the depth of his love, commitment
29 and compassion for life; and

30 WHEREAS, the legacy of his memory will forever be etched in
31 the hearts and minds of his survivors, including: his wife,
32 Yolanda Catchings; children, Temeka, Shameka, Crystal, Thomas,
33 Jr., ZaChara and Jonathan; adopted father, Wardell Catchings;
34 biological father, Daniel Larry; one sister, two brothers, a
35 grandmother and a host of other relatives and friends; and

36 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
37 recognize and commend excellence in such outstanding
38 Mississippians as evidenced by the life and merits of Officer
39 Catchings, whose gift to the City of Jackson and the State of
40 Mississippi was the ultimate sacrifice of his life:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
42 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
43 commend the life, services and accomplishments of Officer Thomas
44 Drumane Catchings, Sr., and express our deepest sympathy to his
45 family and friends upon his passing.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
47 furnished to the family of Officer Catchings and to the members of
48 the Capitol Press Corps