

By: Senator(s) Jackson (11th), Simmons

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE
2 OF QUITMAN COUNTY JUSTICE COURT JUDGE, JAMES EDWARD HARRIS, AND
3 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE ON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Quitman County Justice Court Judge (Northern
5 District), James Edward Harris, passed away on Friday, January 14,
6 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, Judge Harris was a native of Marks, Mississippi; he
8 was a graduate of Quitman County High School, received his
9 Bachelors Degree from Jackson State University, attended the
10 Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and
11 Leadership Development at Tougaloo College; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Harris was an inspiration to all fellow
13 members of the Mount Zion M.B. Church, where he served as Chairman
14 of the Deacon Board, Superintendent of Sunday School, Chairman of
15 the Retention Committee, Sunday School Teacher and member of the
16 Mass Choir and Male Chorus; and

17 WHEREAS, prior to his election in November 2003, Judge Harris
18 was a law enforcement professional with over 24 years of law
19 enforcement, correctional and senior management experience; and

20 WHEREAS, beginning in 1995 he served as Senior Manager of
21 Operation and Security for the Shelby County, Tennessee, Division
22 of Corrections, having general supervision of approximately 600
23 correctional professionals and the care and custody of 3500
24 inmates, handling a \$15 Million operational budget, representing
25 Shelby County Government in labor negotiations with employees, and
26 representing the division in matters before Criminal and General
27 Session Courts; prior to this position, Judge Harris served as

28 Senior Manager of the Mark Luttrell Reception Center, Tennessee
29 Department of Corrections; prior to this position, he served as
30 Unit Supervisor for the maximum security unit at the Arkansas
31 Department of Corrections in Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and prior to
32 this position, he served as Senior Manager for Security Personnel
33 and the Inmate Disciplinary Program at the Mississippi Department
34 of Corrections, and was employed at a privately contracted job
35 corps center in Jackson, Mississippi; and prior to this service,
36 Judge Harris served as a Correction Officer at the Mississippi
37 State Penitentiary; he began his career teaching physical
38 education classes at the Quitman County Junior High School; and

39 WHEREAS, Judge Harris leaves as survivors a devoted friend,
40 Alma Harris; one daughter, Tracy (Clarence) White; one son,
41 Anthony (Teresa) Harris; one sister, Zelma H. Cole; brothers
42 Luster Harris and Willie Harris; four grandchildren, C.J.,
43 Tameeriah, Anthony, Jr. and Joshua; nieces, cousins and many
44 close friends; and

45 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this
46 public official and dedicated public servant who was an asset to
47 his community and to the State of Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life and dedicated
50 public service of Quitman County Justice Court Judge James Edward
51 Harris, of Marks, Mississippi, and express to his surviving family
52 the sympathy of the Senate on his passing.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 the surviving family of Judge Harris and be made available to the
55 Capitol Press Corps.