

By: Representatives Perkins,  
Clark, Whittington

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MATTIE  
2 SUE DELANEY AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND  
3 FRIENDS UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mattie Sue Delaney, born February 1, 1927, in  
5 Avalon, Mississippi, to the late Johnnie and Ethel Williams,  
6 departed this earthly life on Sunday, September 25, 2005, to enter  
7 into eternal rest with her heavenly father, causing great sorrow  
8 and loss to her family and friends; and

9 WHEREAS, making Cruger, Mississippi, her permanent place of  
10 abode, Mrs. Delaney married Louis Delaney in 1944 and to their  
11 union nine children were born: Louis, Jr., Celia, Mattie, Doris,  
12 David, Johnnie, Andrew, Gloria and Mary; and

13 WHEREAS, a faithful member and church mother of Meeks First  
14 Baptist Church, Mrs. Delaney, a former secretary of the Holmes  
15 County Chapter of NAACP, personal and political liaison for her  
16 community and county and member of the Holmes County Freedom  
17 Democratic Party, was the cornerstone of the Cruger Community; and

18 WHEREAS, having taken an active part during the turbulent  
19 1960s in the Civil Rights Movement, Mrs. Delaney spearheaded a  
20 summer enrichment program to expose Holmes County youth to  
21 different cultures and backgrounds by living with different  
22 families in Wisconsin; and

23 WHEREAS, undergoing courses at Jackson State University in  
24 "Community Service" to learn how to better serve her community,  
25 Mrs. Delaney leaves behind a legacy of one who fed the hungry,  
26 gave a drink of water to the thirsty, sheltered strangers, clothed  
27 the naked, and visited the sick and incarcerated; and

28           WHEREAS, though she has traversed the rivers of life to now  
29 stand on golden heavenly shores, the legacy of her memory will  
30 thrive in the hearts of her survivors as well as the countless  
31 thousands of Holmes Countians and Mississippians alike, who are  
32 benefiting from her works; and

33           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
34 commend the life of such a remarkable and giving individual as  
35 Mrs. Delaney, whose life was a testament of faith and works:

36           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
38 commend and celebrate the life and legacy of Mrs. Mattie Sue  
39 Delaney and express deepest sympathy to her family and friends  
40 upon her passing.

41           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
42 furnished to the family of Mrs. Delaney and to the members of the  
43 Capitol Press Corps.