

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE, LEGACY,
2 CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF A TRUE SERVANT OF THE
3 PEOPLE, OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, REPRESENTATIVE MAY RINGOLD
4 WHITTINGTON, AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND
5 FRIENDS UPON HER PASSING.

6 WHEREAS, after a lengthy battle with cancer, Representative
7 May Ringold Whittington, who became a member of the Mississippi
8 legislative body in 2000, serving in the House of Representatives
9 as the voice of her constituents in District 34, comprised of
10 Carroll, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Montgomery and Washington
11 Counties, departed this earthly life to enter eternal rest with
12 her heavenly father, causing great sorrow and loss to her family
13 and friends; and

14 WHEREAS, Vice Chairwoman of the House Constitution Committee,
15 Representative Whittington, a licensed counselor, possessed a
16 great insight into family issues, as she was a champion of women's
17 and children's causes throughout her years of service; and

18 WHEREAS, May represented and exemplified the best traits of a
19 representative, prioritizing the issues so important to her
20 district and working tirelessly to impact the public policy that
21 would benefit them; but above all she cared; and

22 WHEREAS, her tenacious determination and unwavering spirit in
23 her bout with cancer, inspired her colleagues to appreciate the
24 simple treasures in life, such as life itself, as she persevered
25 fervently to press her way to the Capitol each day during session
26 to take care of the people's business; and

27 WHEREAS, a founding member of the "Raucus Caucus," along with
28 Representatives Cecil Brown, John Mayo and former Representative

29 Jay Eads, May Whittington was known as an advocate for education,
30 public health, the rights of crime victims and historic
31 preservation efforts; and

32 WHEREAS, even in her waning hours of failing health, May
33 heeded the call of action just days before her life's demise, as
34 she endeavored to assist a constituent faced with a visitation
35 dilemma, epitomizing selfless service and humanitarian zeal; and

36 WHEREAS, though she traversed life's river to now obtain
37 eternal life, her legacy, contributions and service will be
38 greatly missed but forever cherished by those who were fortunate
39 to be touched by her presence, including husband: C. Aven
40 Whittington, Jr.; sons, Joshua Spencer Glazer and C. Aven
41 Whittington III; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

42 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds it most appropriate to commend
43 the life of our dear friend and colleague, May Whittington, with
44 whom we've shared the experiences of life's trials and triumphs as
45 can only be experienced in the fraternal organization afforded by
46 the auspices of the Mississippi Legislature, in the hallowed
47 hallways under the State Capitol's golden eagle topped dome:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
50 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life, legacy, contributions
51 and service of this giant of a woman, Representative May Ringold
52 Whittington, and express deepest sympathy to her family and
53 friends upon her passing.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to the family of Representative Whittington and to the
56 members of the Capitol Press Corps.