

By: Senator(s) Michel, Burton, Dearing,  
Fillingane, Frazier, Gollott, Gordon, Hewes,  
Hopson, Horhn, Jackson (11th), Lee (35th),  
Simmons, Yancey, Blount

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 502

1       A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND CIVIC SERVICE  
2 OF JACKSON BUSINESS LEADER W. HENRY HOLMAN, JR., AND EXPRESSING  
3 THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

4       WHEREAS, W. Henry Holman, former Chairman and Chief Executive  
5 Officer of Jitney-Jungle Stores of America, who led his family's  
6 small grocery chain into a billion dollar business, passed away on  
7 October 6, 2008; and

8       WHEREAS, Mr. Holman was a native Jacksonian, where he  
9 graduated from Central High School. He continued his studies at  
10 Georgia Tech University and received a Bachelor of Science in  
11 mechanical engineering in 1952. He was a member of Phi Delta  
12 Theta social fraternity; and

13       WHEREAS, Upon graduation, he served in the U.S. Army as First  
14 Lieutenant with European duty and later attained the rank as Major  
15 in the active reserves; and

16       WHEREAS, Mr. Holman became actively involved in his family  
17 business, Jitney Jungle Stores of America, Inc. Upon returning to  
18 Jackson, he served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive  
19 Officer of Jitney-Jungle Stores of America, Inc., McCarty-Holman  
20 Company, Inc., for the next 34 years; and

21       WHEREAS, under Mr. Holman's leadership, Jitney-Jungle grew to  
22 encompass more than 100 stores with over 9,000 employees with  
23 locations in Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama and  
24 Florida. In 1991-1992, the company achieved \$1 billion dollars in  
25 sales, which was the first privately-owned company in Mississippi  
26 to reach this mark. In 1996, the company was sold to B.R.S.  
27 Investment Company of New York City; and

28        WHEREAS, Mr. Holman was an active member of First Baptist  
29    Church Jackson. He served his church in every capacity from  
30    scoutmaster, to Sunday school teacher, Chairman of the deacons and  
31    life deacon. For over forty (40) years, he conducted a weekly  
32    prayer group and Bible study; and

33        WHEREAS, Mr. Holman dedicated himself to a lifetime of  
34    compassionate and devoted service to the community. He was  
35    involved in a myriad of organizations by serving as President of  
36    the following: Jackson Chamber of Commerce, United Fund of  
37    Jackson, Boys Club of Jackson, Founder and First President of Boys  
38    Club Foundation, and Topco Association, a food co-op of 32 leading  
39    food chains; and

40        WHEREAS, Mr. Holman served on the Board and as a member of  
41    the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.  
42    He served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of  
43    Deposit Guaranty Bank. He was chairman of the Gulf Shores Baptist  
44    Assembly when Hurricane Camille struck; and

45        WHEREAS, other directorships include: Capital Street  
46    Corporation, Food Marketing Institute, Boy Scouts, Goodwill  
47    Industries Board of Directors, MS Foundation of Independent  
48    Colleges, YMCA, Symphony Board, Jackson Rotary Club, Trustee of  
49    St. Andrew's Episcopal School and Chairman of the University of  
50    Mississippi Business Advisory Committee; and

51        WHEREAS, he has been honored with numerous awards by being  
52    selected in 1965 as the "Young Man of the Year" by the Jackson  
53    Jaycees, selected in 1973 by the Newcomen Society in North America  
54    as honoree for the State of Mississippi, selected in 1989 as  
55    Marketer of the Year for the State of Mississippi, chosen in 1992  
56    as the Captain of Industry by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and  
57    named in 1993, along with his wife, Sondra, People of Vision by  
58    The National Society to Prevent Blindness Mississippi Affiliate;  
59    and



60           WHEREAS, Mr. Holman's character exhibited a life of selfless  
61 generosity to the cause of education by giving young people an  
62 opportunity to advance. Through his kind generosity, many young  
63 people was blessed with an opportunity to obtain a college  
64 education; and

65           WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sondra  
66 Sutherland Holman; daughter Holly Holman Buchanan (Brooks); son,  
67 William Henry Holman III (Jenny); daughter, Janie Holman Maloney  
68 (Steve), all of Jackson; daughter, Sondra Holman Taylor (Walter)  
69 of Grenada; sister and brother-in-law, Marie Holman Swayze  
70 (Douglas); and ten grandchildren, Britt Buchanan, Ryan Buchanan,  
71 Holman Buchanan, Honey Holman, Travis Taylor, Holman Taylor,  
72 Skylar Taylor, Cole Maloney, Michael Maloney, and Margaret Elise  
73 Maloney; and

74           WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that we note the passing of  
75 this leading Mississippi citizen:

76           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
77 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
78 we do hereby commend the life and selfless civic and charitable  
79 service of Jackson business leader and veteran W. Henry Holman,  
80 Jr., and express to his surviving family our sympathy on his  
81 passing.

82           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
83 the surviving family of Henry Holman, forwarded to the Jackson  
84 Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Deacons of First Baptist  
85 Church and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

