

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.

