

By: Representative Gunn

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 111

1 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. JOY
2 SUMNER MEYER AND EXPRESSING OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND
3 FRIENDS UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, "To everything there is a season, and time to every
5 purpose under the Heaven," and as such, on February 14, 2013, the
6 mortal, beloved presence of Mrs. Joy Sumner Meyer was summoned to
7 eternal rest as she made life's final transition from earthly
8 travailing to heavenly reward, rendering great sorrow and loss to
9 her family and friends; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Joy Sumner Meyer, a resident of Alexandria,
11 Louisiana, for over five decades, was born on August 29, 1933, in
12 Sumner, Mississippi, to Louise Robinson Sumner and Paul Creekmore
13 Sumner; and

14 WHEREAS, she graduated from West Tallahatchie High School in
15 1951, attended Mississippi State College for Women, receiving a
16 bachelor of arts in 1955, and obtained a master of fine arts from
17 Peabody College at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee,
18 in 1956; and



19 WHEREAS, while teaching in Port Arthur, Texas, Joy met the
20 late James L. Meyer and they were united in holy matrimony in 1957
21 before relocating to Alexandria in 1962 when they welcomed their
22 first child, Mary Laura, and where they later welcomed their son
23 Carter Peyton in 1969; and

24 WHEREAS, a true servant of God, she was an enduring member of
25 St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, and she participated
26 in many civic and cultural activities including the YWCA, the Arts
27 Council and the Girl Scouts; and

28 WHEREAS, left to mourn Mrs. Meyer's passing and cherish her
29 memory are: her daughter and son; her grandsons, James Peyton
30 Toups, son of Mary and her husband, Tony Toups, of New Orleans,
31 Louisiana, and Sumner Meyer, son of Carter Meyer of Huntsville,
32 Texas, and Misty Craven of Houston, Texas, as well as her
33 step-grandchildren, Alyse Toups Mouledoux of New Orleans and
34 Stephen Toups of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; her sister, June Sumner
35 Glenn of Crawfordsville, Arkansas; June's children: Morry Glenn
36 of Conway, Arkansas, and Luann Glenn of Little Rock; the children
37 of her deceased sister, Taylor Sumner Spradling, of Clarksdale,
38 Mississippi: Sumner Spradling of Browns Summit, North Carolina,
39 and his wife, Risa, and Scott Spradling of Lambert, Mississippi,
40 and his wife, Nita; and the children of her deceased brother,
41 Creekmore Sumner, and his wife, Mattie Bass Sumner, of Newton
42 Grove, North Carolina: Lynn Sumner Motz of New Cumberland,
43 Pennsylvania, Leigh Sumner of Newton Grove, and Lorri Sumner of



44 Wilmington, North Carolina; her first cousins, Bob Bailey of
45 Sumner and Dr. Wiley Hutchins of Columbus, Mississippi; and a host
46 of other relatives and friends; and

47 WHEREAS, in Mrs. Meyer's transfiguration from mortality to
48 immortality, she now adorns the raiment of a spiritual bride
49 awaiting the bridegroom's return in holy anticipation of that
50 wondrous event, as it is written in the book of Revelation 21:1-2,
51 "And I saw a new Heaven and a new earth: for the first Heaven and
52 the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And
53 I John saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out
54 of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."; and

55 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
56 commend the life of such a magnificent individual as Mrs. Joy
57 Sumner Meyer, whose light radiated the presence of the Father,
58 which is in Heaven, and whose presence will be sorely missed as
59 she was the salt of the earth:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
62 commemorate the life and legacy of Mrs. Joy Sumner Meyer and
63 express our sincere sympathy to her family and friends upon her
64 passing.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
66 furnished to the family of Mrs. Joy Sumner Meyer and to the
67 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

