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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 99

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE SINCEREST SYMPATHY OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO THE SURVIVING FAMILY OF FORMER
3 MISSISSIPPI SENATOR GARY JACKSON ON HIS PASSING AND COMMENDING HIS
4 SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND HIS STATE.

5 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of
6 former State Senator Gary Jackson, 73 years old, on April 13,
7 2024; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Jackson, a Baptist minister, was born on
9 September 11, 1950. He was first elected to serve District 15 in
10 the Mississippi Senate in November 2003, and was subsequently
11 reelected in 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2019, serving 17 years. His
12 tenure was marked by dedication and service to his constituents in
13 Oktibbeha, Choctaw, Webster, Winston, Calhoun, Montgomery and
14 Attala Counties; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Jackson's alma maters include East
16 Mississippi Community College and Mississippi State University;
17 and



18 WHEREAS, Senator Jackson started out with a career in banking
19 and held many positions during that time. While moving up in this
20 career, he received the call to become a minister. Gary
21 eventually started ministering full-time. Some of the churches
22 where he pastored include Providence Church near Weir,
23 Mississippi, Kilmichael Baptist Church, in Kilmichael,
24 Mississippi, where he pastored from 2005 until around 2017, and
25 Bethsaida Baptist Church in French Camp, Mississippi; and

26 WHEREAS, Senator Jackson chaired the Senate Business and
27 Financial Institutions Committee, as well as, County Affairs and
28 various other committees, and was active in representing the
29 banking and business industry in Mississippi; and

30 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated member of the Starkville Rotary
31 Club and the Kilmichael Lions Club. Senator Jackson is survived
32 by his wife, Dianne; sons, Corbett (Tammy) Jackson and David
33 (Stacie) Perry; mother, Sara (Wylie) Jackson; brothers, Tom
34 Jackson and Randall Jackson; sisters, Beverly Rives and Aurie
35 James; eight grandchildren, Sara Jackson, Megan Jackson, Chase
36 Jackson, Anna Jackson, Kyla McKnight, Colin Perry, Cody Perry, and
37 Kambrie Perry; and great-grandchild, Cora Beth Crocker; and

38 WHEREAS, Senator Jackson's impact on Mississippi politics
39 will be remembered, and his service remains an integral part of
40 the state's history. Gary served as a leader and mentor. He
41 lectured on ethics, integrity, civility, courtesy and adherence to
42 the Golden Rule. Senator Jackson's life honored both the



43 Mississippi Legislature and this great state that he loved and
44 served:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the sincerest sympathy of
47 the Mississippi Senate to the surviving family of former
48 Mississippi Senator Gary Jackson on his passing and commend his
49 service to his community and his state.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
51 the surviving family of former Senator Gary Jackson, forwarded to
52 Senator Jackson's home church and made available to the Capitol
53 Press Corps.

