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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF THEODORE BULLOCK, THE FIRST BLACK ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF MCCOMB.

WHEREAS, McComb, Mississippi, resident Theodore Bullock, who helped pave the way for African-American elected officials, died December 5, 2010, at the age of 81. He was McComb's First Black Alderman, one of Pike County's first black Supervisors, and received numerous civic awards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bullock was born in Summit, Mississippi, on August 6, 1928. He is survived by two daughters, Sherry Robinson and Cynthia Bullock of McComb, and two sons, Brian Nichols and Dr. Rebuen Nichols of Chicago, Illinois. He was the owner of Bullock's Washateria in McComb for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bullock's roots in Pike County go back many years. He attended school at Bethel Church until the 5th Grade and later attended Bugland schools. He moved to Chicago in 1956 where he was employed by the United States Postal Service. He moved back to McComb in 1970. At that time, Mr. Bullock operated a cab service and a convenience store. Soon after, in 1971, he opened a washerteria. As a business owner and NAACP member, Mr. Bullock became very concerned about the fairness of the local government in McComb; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Theodore Bullock became the First Black Alderman for the City of McComb. He served for six years as alderman. During that time, each Alderman was assigned a department. Mr. Bullock's assignment was the McComb Police Department. During his time as Alderman for the City of McComb,

he accepted many leadership responsibilities, including the recommending of the first black Assistant Police Chief, Harry Sibley; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Theodore Bullock became one of the first black Supervisors for Pike County. He served as Supervisor for 15 years. During the 1980s, Bullock organized a community contingency committee for the hiring of black doctors at The Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bullock received numerous awards for his outstanding service to Pike County and the City of McComb, including: the C.C. Bryant Lifetime Achievement Award, the Trailblazers Award from the Mississippi Association of Black Supervisors, the Certificate of Recognition of Outstanding Participation in the Mail-In Voter Registration Bill from the Mississippi Secretary of State, the Vocational Service Award from the Rotary Club, the Coin-Op Beautiful Award from the *American Coin-Op Magazine*, and the Harriet Tubman Award from the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc., and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bullock dedicated his life to helping the community. He encouraged young people to pursue an education and guided countless individuals toward equal opportunity employment; and it is with sadness that we note the passing of this political pioneer who will be missed by his community and by the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby mourn the loss and commend the life of public service of Theodore Bullock, the First Black Alderman of the City of McComb, Mississippi, and express our sympathy to his surviving family on his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to the surviving family of Theodore Bullock, forwarded to the Mayor

and Board of Aldermen of McComb, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
January 19, 2011

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
January 26, 2011

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES