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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE TERRY W. BROWN, LONGTIME LEGISLATOR FROM COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the State of Mississippi lost a wonderful friend, colleague, gentleman, Capitol icon and enlightened lawmaker with the death of SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE TERRY W. BROWN, 64, on Friday, September 4, 2014. Phil Bryant, by the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, proclaimed a period of official mourning in the State of Mississippi and ordered all flags of the United States of America and the State of Mississippi to be flown at half-staff on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction beginning at sunrise on Saturday, September 6, 2014, and ending at sunset on Monday, September 8, 2014, in remembrance of this dedicated Mississippi public servant; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Terry Brown was elected to serve in the Mississippi House of Representatives representing Lowndes County, Mississippi. He ran unsuccessfully for Lieutenant Governor in 1999. In 2004, Brown was elected to the Mississippi Senate and was elected by his colleagues as Senate President Pro Tempore in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Terry was a champion for the Golden Triangle and was revered for his humor and camaraderie. Senator Brown was a strong advocate for the Columbus Air Force Base and was an integral part of the Golden Triangle's economic development success as a legislator for the Columbus area. He owned and operated convenience stores and automobile dealerships while serving in the House. While in the Senate, Senator Brown worked as a business consultant; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brown was born March 14, 1950, to the late James Randolph and Annie Lou Gore Brown in Columbus, Mississippi. After graduating from New Hope High School, Brown attended East Mississippi Junior College and played football (both ways) under legendary Hall of Fame Coach Bob "Bull" Sullivan. Brown, as defensive tackle and center, helped lead the Lions to a two-year record of 16-3, including a state runner-up finish in 1967. He was elected to the school's Sports Hall of Fame in 2011. Brown enjoyed recalling his days on the gridiron under Coach Sullivan. One of his proudest moments was recognizing EMCC's National Championship Football Team in both 2012 and 2014. After serving

six years in the United States Army, he attended Delta State University and Mississippi State University; and

WHEREAS, former Governor Haley Barbour recalled Senator Brown as "a tremendous ally" during Barbour's two terms and also remembered Brown's humor. "Terry was hysterical. He could be so impolitic, but was always fun and funny. And if he thought of something and it was politically incorrect, he didn't let that stop him from expressing it"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Senator Brown was preceded in death by his sister, Peggy Ann Brown. He is survived by his wife, Andra Dobbel Brown; sons: Cody (Hope) Brown, Chas Brown and Boomer Brown; sister, Beverly (Joe) Reeder; brothers, Donnie (Lura) Brown and Doug (Lori) Brown; brothers-in-law, Charles (Nancy) Dobbel and Kurt Dobbel; and a host of aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces; and

WHEREAS, serving as Senate President Pro Tempore culminated one of the more colorful and productive state legislative careers in Mississippi history. The memories of Terry center on his prowess as a storyteller swapping tales on the cabin porch at the Neshoba County Fair, at charity events, and in the halls of the Legislature. However, the boisterous reputation shouldn't cloud the fact that Senator Brown was an extremely talented and effective lawmaker; and

WHEREAS, Terry Brown loved life, laughter and the Legislature. His long service was marked by his commitment to

success and recognized leadership. He excelled in a variety of major responsibilities and served the Senate, his constituents and the State of Mississippi exceptionally well. Terry's public service was exemplified by fairness and sound judgment, and he set the highest standard as a leader in the Mississippi Senate and as a true friend:

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 and public service of Senate President Pro Tempore Terry W. Brown, longtime legislator from Columbus, Mississippi, and extend the condolences of the Mississippi Senate to his surviving family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to the surviving family of Senate President Pro Tempore Terry W. Brown and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE  
January 8, 2015

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
January 14, 2015

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES