

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
DISTRICT 5 SUPERVISOR PAUL GRIFFIN

***In re: Proclamation Honoring Julius L. "J. L." Sanders
and Declaring July 28, 2013 as "J. L. Sanders Day" in District 5***

PROCLAMATION

Tabula Gratulatoria

WHEREAS, Julius L. ("J. L.") Sanders is and has been a pillar in the Sharon/Canton, Mississippi community for many years, and'

WHEREAS, J. L. Sanders is and has always been a strong Christian father, and he was a Christian husband to Bessie M. Griffin-Sanders for 66 years, and he and Bessie raised 8 children together, four boys and four girls, along with an adopted grandchild, and

WHEREAS, J. L. wore many hats. He was a farmer, the founder and owner of Sanders ALD Clean Laundry in Canton, Mississippi which he built and opened so that community residents would have a clean and safe place to wash and dry clean their clothes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders ran for public office on three separate occasions. Although he did not win either time, we know that simply having the nerve to be a person of color and to run for a public office during those times in some way had an impact on the community to make life better, not only for his family, but for all families; and

WHEREAS, Brother Sanders was a farmer. He planted vegetables, cotton, corn, watermelons along with raising horses and cows. While maintaining the farm, he also worked a full-time job at different factories for many years. He would say, "a little hard work never hurt anybody;" and

WHEREAS, some of J. L. Sanders' accomplishments include:

- Member, Crossroads Church of God
- Served as Sunday School Superintendent & as Treasurer for 25 Years
- First Black Chairman of the Democratic Party of Madison County
- Life Member of the NAACP and is still very supportive of the local NAACP
- Ran for Supervisor for Beat 4, which is now District 5 - 3 times
- 35 year member and current Secretary of the East Madison County Water Association
- Received a plaque for The Most Progressive Black Family in Madison County - 1959

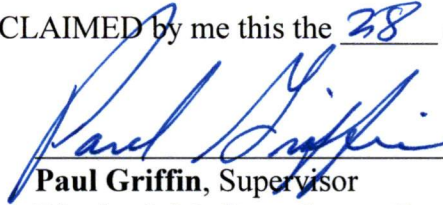
WHEREAS, there are countless other accomplishments and good deeds that J. L. has done that may have not been mentioned but have not gone unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, recently, Brother Sanders was at home talking to three (3) of his granddaughters and said, "y'all see that picture up there on the wall?" They replied, "yes." He said, "that was a p-r-e-t-t-y woman." The granddaughters said, "Grandma?" He, proudly said, 'yes' and continued on to let them know how he and Grandma met along with what attracted him to her. As he was talking and as the girls were attentively listening to him, it seems as though his meeting and marrying Bessie M. Griffin-Sanders may have been Mr. Sanders' greatest and proudest accomplishment.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR OF HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE SHARON AND CANTON COMMUNITIES AND IN DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS SERVICE TO ALL OF MADISON COUNTY, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED THAT:

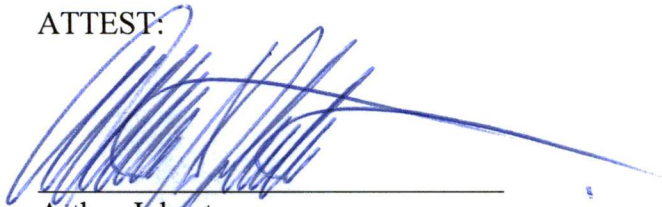
1. Sunday, July 28, 2013 shall be "*Julius L. "J. L." Sanders Day in District 5.*"
2. J. L. Sanders should be and he is hereby commended for his dedicated service to the people of the county and particularly to the people of District 5.
3. Mr. Sanders shall be presented this Proclamation on Sunday, July 28, 2013.

SO ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED by me this the 28 day of July, 2013.



Paul Griffin, Supervisor
District 5, Madison County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Arthur Johnston
Chancery Clerk

