

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4426

To designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) R. Jess Brown was more than an attorney;
6 he was a champion for justice in Mississippi
7 throughout the civil rights era and among the few
8 black attorneys in the entire State to actively prac-
9 tice civil rights law.

1 (2) R. Jess Brown was instrumental in break-
2 ing barriers as the first attorney to file a civil suit
3 on behalf of African Americans in Mississippi, as
4 well as the attorney to file the case on behalf of
5 James Meredith against the University of Mis-
6 sissippi.

7 (3) Brown’s mission was to confront racial in-
8 justice through education.

9 (4) Before deciding to pursue law, Brown
10 trained minds as a professor at Alcorn College, and
11 later as a high school teacher in the Jackson Public
12 School system.

13 (5) In 1948, R. Jess Brown served as a plain-
14 tiff in the case against the Jackson School Board for
15 fairness between black and white teachers’ salaries.

16 (6) R. Jess Brown left an indelible legacy as a
17 humanitarian, educator, and attorney.

18 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

19 The United States Courthouse to be constructed at
20 the site bounded on the north by Court Street, on the west
21 by West Street, on the south by South Street, and on the
22 east by President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, shall be
23 known and designated as the “R. Jess Brown United
24 States Courthouse”.

1 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

2 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,
3 paper, or other record of the United States to the court-
4 house referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a ref-
5 erence to the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse”.

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