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IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CONVENIENT WAY TO DONATE TO THE GREENWOOD, MS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, **VISIT** OUR WEBSITE AT www.greenwoodmscemetery.com. CLICK ON THE "DONATE" TAB, THEN CLICK ON THE "MAKE A DONATION" BUTTON. YOU CAN MAKE A ONE TIME GIFT OR A RECURRING GIFT. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECEIPTS WILL BE SENT TO YOUR EMAIL! IT'S A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT THE GMCA!



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Dear GMCA Family,

Though the support of many has been steadfast, inflation coupled with a challenging year from an income standpoint has eroded the bank balance significantly. We need the support of all our patrons now more than ever. If you are a regular supporter of the GMCA, please consider increasing your support. I know I plan to increase my support this year. If you have not given in the past, please consider making an annual gift to the GMCA. Your support is the only way we can continue to this good work. Keep in mind the publication of this newsletter is the only time we solicit the financial support of our patrons and is the only way we have to close the gap between expenses and income generated by plot sales and interment fees. I hope you will join us to secure the future of the cemeteries .

I am happy and thankful to report the following points of progress at both Odd Fellows Carrollton Avenue and Odd Fellows East:

- Odd Fellows East received a much needed upgrade to portions of the east entrance road. Thank you to all who donated to this project!
- Three Boy Scout Eagle projects at Odd Fellows East resulted in Carolina Sapphire Cypress trees being planted along the south side of the office building while crepe myrtles were planted along the north border of the cemetery. Thank you, Scouts for your diligence in keeping this plantings watered and care for this summer!
- Carrollton Avenue saw incremental but steady progress in the removal of dead pine trees along the eastern boundary. There is more tree work to be done!
- Fall Herbicide application was recently completed for both cemeteries.

2024 Financial information through the end of September is provided below. Thank you for your continued support.

## FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Total expenses YTD for 2024: \$91,127.85 Total income YTD for 2024: \$50,552.84

Assets: Liabilities:

> September 30th bank balance: \$8,176.10 \$1,961.82 Payroll Liabilities: Equip/Equip loans: \$8,927.19 Equipment: \$54,381.12

> Long Term Maintenance fund: \$148,326.27 Other: \$ 400.00

**Total Assets:** \$210,883.49 **Total Liabilities:** \$11,289.01

> \$199,594.48 **EQUITY:**

## **HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE GMCA?**

- 1) DONATE ONLINE! you can make a 1-time or recurring gift through the GMCA website: www.greenwoodmscemetery.com
- 2) Send your check payable to Greenwood, MS Cemetery Association.
- 3) A Planned Gift included as a bequest under your will. These can be designated to the Long Term Care Fund.
- 4) Pledge Donors can make a larger commitment by making a written multi-year pledge to the GMCA. Contact Russell Robertson for more information.

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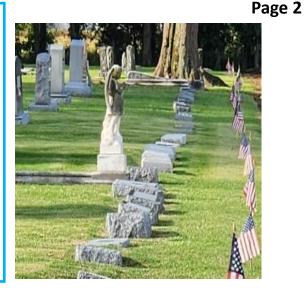
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# IN REMEMBRANCE: STATE SENATOR ROBERT G.

## "BUNKY" HUGGINS

We are grateful to have the opportunity to pay tribute to one of our community's great public servants. State Senator Robert "Bunky" Huggins was born in rural Carroll County in 1936 and passed away in May of 2006 after a two-year fight with cancer. He was a graduate of Greenwood High and attended the University of Southern MS, Mississippi College and the Jackson School of Law. According to reports at the time of his passing, "Sen. Huggins began his public



service when he was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1972. He was re-elected to the House twice and then elected to the Mississippi State Senate in 1984, where he served with honor and distinction until his passing. An influential member of many committees throughout his legislative career, he was the current chairman of the Senate Corrections Committee and the chairman of the Legislative Performance, Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Committee. His previous chairmanships included the Senate Corrections, Appropriations and Public Health and Welfare Committees, and he was one of the most respected and beloved members of the legislature. " Senator Huggins 'memberships also included the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Cattlemen's Association and Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Senator Huggins, along with his wife, the former Gerry Robinette, whom he married in 1959, are both interred in the mausoleum of the Odd Fellows Cemetery on Carrollton Avenue in Greenwood. It is all together appropriate to remember the life of service of Senator Huggins and the Greenwood, MS Cemetery Association is honored to serve as caretakers and watchkeepers for the late Senator and his wife.