

By: Senator(s) Harden, Minor, Johnson
(19th), Turner, Little, Hamilton, Gollott,
Gordon, Tollison, Smith, Horhn

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CHIEF JUSTICE
2 LENORE L. PRATHER FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS AN HONOREE AT THE
3 MISSISSIPPI WOMAN '99 CONFERENCE.

4 WHEREAS, Governor and Mrs. Fordice are hosting the third
5 annual conference to recognize women in the state who are
6 outstanding volunteers in their community, which is entitled
7 MISSISSIPPI WOMAN '99: THE "POWER OF ONE"; and

8 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Lenore Prather of the Mississippi
9 Supreme Court is one of this year's honorees; and

10 WHEREAS, Justice Prather is a woman of "firsts": she is the
11 first female Chief Justice for the Mississippi Supreme Court, the
12 first female justice and the first woman to hold the
13 Chancellorship in Mississippi, and has influenced the development
14 of the law of equitable distribution of marital assets and
15 Sixteenth Section School Land management law; and

16 WHEREAS, her biography is highlighted by numerous prestigious
17 appointments and awards: she was inducted into the University of
18 Mississippi "Alumni Hall of Fame" and was selected as the "Ole
19 Miss Law Alumna of the Year," she has received the "Medal of
20 Excellence" and the "Alumni Achievement Award" from Mississippi
21 University for Women, she is a member of Rotary International, is
22 a Paul Harris Fellow, is a member of Junior Auxiliary, is a member
23 of the Daughters of the American Revolution and has been listed in
24 Who's Who in America since 1984; and

25 WHEREAS, Lenore's friends call her a "trailblazer" but say
26 she is too modest to see herself in that role; and

27 WHEREAS, her advice to women "no matter what direction we
28 travel in our careers we should open the door behind us for the
29 women of the next generation, to ensure that women enrich our
30 society even further in the future," and Lenore is proud to be a
31 mother and grandmother and the wife of her late husband, Robert
32 Prather; and

33 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
34 outstanding volunteer whose service has meant so much to her
35 community and state:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Chief
38 Justice Lenore L. Prather for being recognized as an honoree at
39 the MISSISSIPPI WOMAN '99 CONFERENCE.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
41 presented to Justice Prather and Mrs. Pat Fordice at the
42 conference awards banquet on March 1, 1999, and be made available
43 to the Capitol Press Corps.