

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MRS. MINNIE JANE  
2 BURNS FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS AN HONOREE AT THE MISSISSIPPI WOMAN  
3 '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, Minnie Jane Burns is one of this year's honorees;  
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10 WHEREAS, Minnie Jane has been a teacher, historian, newspaper  
11 columnist, former editor of the Mississippi Business Women's  
12 Journal and the first woman cotton buyer in Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, her extraordinary musical talent was discovered when  
14 she started playing piano for silent movies at the Carthage,  
15 Mississippi, theater when she was 11 years old, and today at 85  
16 years of age, her Big Band selections spread sunshine in every  
17 direction as she entertains hospice patients; and

18 WHEREAS, Minnie's days are filled with service and  
19 volunteerism: she developed the Acolyte program at the Madison  
20 Methodist Church as well as the Sunday School class, The Truth  
21 Seekers, she has provided hands-on support for the Kiwanis Club  
22 Habitat for Humanity program, and isn't about to slow down; and

23 WHEREAS, her advice to women is "Get outside of yourselves"  
24 and Minnie is most proud of being a mother and grandmother and the  
25 wife of her late husband, Walter; and

26 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this

27 outstanding volunteer whose service has meant so much to her  
28 community and state:

29         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
30 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mrs.  
31 Minnie Jane Burns for being recognized as an honoree at the  
32 MISSISSIPPI WOMAN '99 CONFERENCE.

33         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
34 presented to Minnie Jane and Mrs. Pat Fordice at the conference  
35 awards banquet on March 1, 1999, and be made available to the  
36 Capitol Press Corps.