

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BOBBIE NELL OATIS  
2 OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 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, Bobbie Nell Oatis is a leader of vision,  
9 determination and courage and is one of this year's honorees; and

10 WHEREAS, Bobbie's life has been dedicated to education and  
11 improvement of those she serves: although she retired in 1994 as  
12 Associate Dean of Student Services at Jackson State University,  
13 her work to encourage and serve people continues; and

14 WHEREAS, Bobbie has received many honors and awards, and her  
15 professional activities are numerous: she has appeared in  
16 "Outstanding Young Women of America," is listed in "Personalities  
17 of the South" and "Who's Who of American Women," was the first  
18 African American President of the Mississippi Association of  
19 Administrators, Counselors and Deans, was Chairperson of the  
20 University Section of the National Association of Women Deans,  
21 Administrators and Counselors, and is the nominee of the Jackson  
22 Branch of the American Association of University Women for the  
23 state "Women of Achievement" award; and

24 WHEREAS, she is an active member of College Hill Missionary  
25 Baptist Church, is a Sunday School teacher, is a Bible teacher for  
26 her Mission Circle and Vice-President of the General Mission; and

27           WHEREAS, her advice to women is "Be the Best you can be, put  
28 forth your best effort" and Bobbie credits her parents for  
29 teaching her she could be anything she wanted to be; and

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

33           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
34 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Bobbie  
35 Nell Oatis of Jackson, Mississippi, for being recognized as an  
36 honoree at the MISSISSIPPI WOMAN '99 CONFERENCE.

37           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
38 presented to Bobbie Nell Oatis and Mrs. Pat Fordice at the  
39 conference awards banquet on March 1, 1999, and be made available  
40 to the Capitol Press Corps.