

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MRS. ILLENE RICHIE
2 GORDON 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, Illene Richie Gordon is a tenacious, visionary
9 honoree of this year's conference who has dedicated her influence
10 to the health of seniors; and

11 WHEREAS, if medical care for the elderly is preserved in this
12 country, Illene Richie Gordon is one who has fought the fight:
13 one of her priorities is making prescription drugs affordable for
14 seniors, she has served as staff assistant to Senator Trent Lott
15 for 17 years, is presently serving on the National Bi-Partisan
16 Medicare Commission for the Future of Medicare and on the State
17 Job Training Coordinating Council; and

18 WHEREAS, her service to her community is limitless: Illene
19 is talented in music, she plays the piano for many senior groups
20 such as Music with Meals and for various churches; and

21 WHEREAS, Illene's philosophy of looking out for the less
22 fortunate stems from her childhood during the Great Depression
23 where strong family bonds and values were established. Her advice
24 to women is "to seek God's counsel each day, establish close
25 family ties and teach children to practice the Golden Rule," and
26 she is most proud of being a mother and grandmother and wife of

27 the late Rex Gordon; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
32 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mrs.
33 Illene Richie Gordon for being recognized as an honoree at the
34 MISSISSIPPI WOMAN '99 CONFERENCE.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
36 presented to Illene Richie Gordon and Mrs. Pat Fordice at the
37 conference awards banquet on March 1, 1999, and be made available
38 to the Capitol Press Corps.