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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THOMAS H. BOWEN, JR., UPON HIS  
2 RECEIPT OF THE PRESTIGIOUS 2000 MISSISSIPPI AGELESS HEROES AWARD  
3 FOR "NEW BEGINNINGS."

4 WHEREAS, Thomas H. Bowen, Jr., believes "as long as God  
5 provides good health, one should serve Him and His people," and so  
6 it came as no surprise when the retired Vice President of  
7 Mississippi Valley Gas accepted the presidency of the financially  
8 insolvent Chamberlain-Hunt Academy in Port Gibson in the spring of  
9 1998; and

10 WHEREAS, through his vision and leadership, the future is  
11 again bright for Chamberlain-Hunt Academy, and for this  
12 achievement Tom was awarded the 2000 Mississippi Ageless Heroes  
13 Award for "New Beginnings" in January 2000; and

14 WHEREAS, the Ageless Heroes program was created by the Blue  
15 Cross and Blue Shield Association to celebrate the spirit and  
16 vitality of our nation's seniors age 65 and over, and Tom and our  
17 other Ageless Heroes are nominated for the award each year by  
18 their friends, families and their communities; and

19 WHEREAS, a Jackson resident, Tom Bowen is a native of Port  
20 Gibson, and knew well the proud history of the Christian military  
21 school and wanted to help return the institution to its rich

22 heritage of academic achievement and service to youth; and  
23       WHEREAS, the commitment meant Tom would spend long hours  
24 commuting to the school from his Jackson home, but as a Korean War  
25 veteran and a retired Colonel in the Mississippi Air National  
26 Guard, Tom wanted to ensure that another generation of students  
27 would know the character-building aspects of a military education;  
28 and

29       WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
30 accomplishment by one of our retired citizens, who reminds us all  
31 that our only limitations are the ones we impose ourselves:

32       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
33 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Thomas H.  
34 Bowen, Jr., a Jackson resident and native of Port Gibson,  
35 Mississippi, upon his receipt of the prestigious 2000 Mississippi  
36 Ageless Heroes Award for "New Beginnings," and wish him continued  
37 success in his future charitable and civic endeavors.

38       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
39 Tom Bowen and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.