HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.  71


WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas J. Army has been selected to receive a Presidential Rank Award for the year 2000 given to senior executive leaders who achieve extraordinary results; and

WHEREAS, winners of this prestigious award have demonstrated their ability to lead a government that delivers great service, fosters partnerships and community solutions to achieve results, and continuously pushes itself to get the job done more effectively and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Army, with headquarters at Jamie Whitten Delta States Research Center, is recognized for his unusual skill, insight and vision in leading and managing the Mid South Area of USDA's Agricultural Research Service, the world's largest agricultural research organization; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Dr. Army was named Area Director at the Stoneville site, which consists of 239 employees, including 66 scientists, with an annual operating budget of $18.6 million; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Dr. Army has intensified research to ensure that the highest priority agricultural and environmental problems were addressed, including reducing populations of the invasive Formosan subterranean termite, developing sustainable farming systems with reduced production costs, and developing new crop and fish germplasm; and
WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by outstanding
Mississippians such as Dr. Army:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Thomas J.
Army on receiving the Presidential Rank Award for the year 2000
and express our heartiest wishes for continued success in all his
future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
furnished to Dr. Thomas J. Army and to the members of the Capitol
Press Corps.