

By: Representatives Taylor, Pierce

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 93

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MRS.
2 BETTY M. MILLER FOR OVER 50 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty M. Miller has been serving the citizens
4 of the State of Mississippi for over 50 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Miller was born on February 24, 1931, in New
6 Augusta, Perry County, Mississippi, where she graduated from New
7 Augusta High School ranked third in her class; and

8 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Mrs. Miller
9 attended Millsaps College and the University of Southern
10 Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Miller began her service to the State of
12 Mississippi as a stenographer for the Department of Human Services
13 before graduating from high school; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Miller has also worked as a food stamp
15 eligibility worker, an AFDC eligibility worker and a nursing home
16 eligibility worker; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1977, Mrs. Miller administered a nursing home in
18 Brandon, Mississippi, and returned to the Department of Human
19 Services as a child support enforcement officer in 1980; and

20 WHEREAS, while engaged in her work at DHS, Mrs. Miller began
21 discussing with her co-workers the idea of organizing a state
22 employee union to advocate for better pay, family benefits and
23 workers rights for all Mississippi's public employees; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Miller joined with other state employees on
25 June 19, 1989, in founding the Mississippi Alliance of State

26 Employees, affiliated with the Communications Workers of America;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, after retiring from the DHS in May of 1991, Mrs.
29 Miller began working full time as an organizer with the
30 Mississippi Alliance of State Employees (MASE); and

31 WHEREAS, Mrs. Miller was instrumental in efforts to get
32 Mississippi's state employees off the bottom in how they were
33 paid, bringing them from a national ranking of 50th in 1990 to
34 43rd in 2000; and

35 WHEREAS, in addition, Mrs. Miller shared in the leadership of
36 MASE that protected and improved the jobs of Mississippi's state
37 employees over the decade; and

38 WHEREAS, in 2001, Mrs. Miller began a new effort to bring
39 first class job training to Mississippi's undertrained and
40 underpaid hospitality workers; and

41 WHEREAS, currently Mrs. Miller is contributing her time and
42 energy as Executive Director of the Mississippi Hospitality
43 Workers Training Center for the welfare of the citizens of
44 Mississippi; and

45 WHEREAS, Mrs. Miller has been lovingly supported in all her
46 endeavors by her late husband, Dempsey Ray Miller; four children,
47 Mike, Sue, Lee and Coy; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild;
48 and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
50 and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mrs. Miller for her
51 many years of hard work and dedication to improving the quality of
52 life for the citizens of this state:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
54 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
55 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Betty M.
56 Miller for her over 50 years of outstanding public service and
57 express our heartiest wishes of success in all her future
58 endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
60 furnished to Mrs. Betty M. Miller and to the members of the
61 Capitol Press Corps.