

By: Representative Ford

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. SELA WARD FOR HER MANY
2 ACHIEVEMENTS AS A SUCCESSFUL ACTRESS AND FOR HER SUPPORT AND
3 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOPE FOR CHILDREN FACILITY.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Sela Ward, a native of Meridian, Mississippi,
5 has been nominated for numerous awards throughout her successful
6 acting career such as the Emmy Awards, the Cable Ace Awards, the
7 Golden Globe Awards and the Screen Actors Guild; and

8 WHEREAS, recently, Ms. Ward received her second Emmy Award
9 for Best Actress in a Drama for her portrayal of Lily Manning on
10 ABC's critically acclaimed dramatic series Once and Again, which
11 has also garnered her two Golden Globe nominations; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition, Ms. Ward won an Emmy Award for Best
13 Actress in a Drama in 1994 for her role as Teddy, the struggling
14 artist and recovering alcoholic, on NBC's award winning series,
15 Sisters; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1996, Ms. Ward won a Cable Ace Award for
17 "Outstanding Actress in a Television Movie, Mini-Series or
18 Special" for her performance in the Lifetime original film, Almost
19 Golden: The Jessica Savitch Story; and

20 WHEREAS, having grown up in Meridian, Ms. Ward moved to
21 Memphis to do public relations work for Pepsi, began a highly
22 successful career as a model and turned to acting at the age of
23 27; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1983, Ms. Ward moved to Los Angeles, California,
25 where she got her big break in the Burt Reynolds' film The Man Who
26 Loved Women; and

27 WHEREAS, although Ms. Ward is a very successful, notable and
28 famous actress, she still manages to support the Meridian
29 community and the entire State of Mississippi through actively
30 participating in many programs and fundraisers; and

31 WHEREAS, one of Ms. Ward's numerous projects has been the
32 support of a program called "Hope for Children," a residential
33 facility for children with special needs; and

34 WHEREAS, Ms. Ward's involvement with Hope for Children has
35 enabled this program to purchase the Masonic Home due to her
36 relationship with the Entertainment Industry Foundation, which
37 gave a generous grant that will pay for renovations as well as the
38 property itself; and

39 WHEREAS, Ms. Ward's devotion and vision for Hope for Children
40 goes beyond the opening of a shelter for children in Meridian, but
41 to developing a blueprint that can be used by communities
42 throughout the United States, "Rethinking the Orphanage"; and

43 WHEREAS, Ms. Ward, along with her husband, Howard Sherman, a
44 Los Angeles businessman, and their two children, often vacation at
45 their 280-acre ranch near Meridian, where the rustic lifestyle is
46 a perfect contrast to the family's life in California; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
48 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend outstanding
49 Mississippians such as Ms. Sela Ward, whose success and generosity
50 has brought great pride and honor to the State of Mississippi:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
53 commend Ms. Sela Ward for her many achievements as a successful
54 actress, express our sincere appreciation for her support and
55 contributions to the Hope for Children Facility and express our
56 heartiest wishes for success in all her future endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
58 furnished to Ms. Sela Ward and to the members of the Capitol Press
59 Corps.