

By: Representatives Broomfield, Fredericks,  
Hamilton, Read, Wells-Smith, Young

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. EARNESTINE ELLIS FOUNTAIN FOR  
2 HER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Earnestine Ellis Fountain takes pride in  
4 helping the people of her community by giving generously of her  
5 time and hard work; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Fountain earned a bachelor's degree from  
7 Jackson State University, a master's degree from Tuskegee  
8 University and has studied at New York University, Hampton  
9 University, University of South Alabama and the University of  
10 Southern Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, having received her teacher's license at age 17,  
12 Mrs. Fountain taught school for over 40 years and instituted an  
13 adult learning class, where she taught parents to read; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to teaching, Mrs. Fountain was an  
15 elementary school principal for 20 years and was instrumental in  
16 the desegregation of public schools in Jackson County; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Fountain has impacted the lives of many people  
18 through her involvement in many organizations including United  
19 Way, Jackson County Mental Health Association, March of Dimes, Our  
20 Daily Bread, Jackson County Kidney Foundation, National  
21 Association of Educators, Red Cross, Eastern Star, the National  
22 Council of Negro Women and many more; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Fountain has received numerous awards for her  
24 outstanding service including the Harriet Tubman Award from the  
25 Magnolia Bar Association, Inc., a special award from the Boys and

26 Girls Club of Jackson County and an award for service from Alpha  
27 Kappa Alpha Sorority; and

28 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
29 recognize and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mrs.  
30 Fountain, whose dedication, determination and selfless acts have  
31 improved the quality of life of citizens in this state:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
34 commend Mrs. Earnestine Ellis Fountain for her many years of  
35 outstanding community and public service and express our deepest  
36 appreciation for her tireless devotion to the people of this  
37 state.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
39 furnished to Mrs. Earnestine Ellis Fountain and to the members of  
40 the Capitol Press Corps.