

By: Representative Whittington

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. VIOLA BROWN SANDERS UPON BEING
2 NAMED OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF LEFLORE COUNTY BY THE GREENWOOD LIONS
3 CLUB.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Viola Brown Sanders was named Outstanding
5 Citizen of the Year for 2000 by the Greenwood Lions Club on
6 February 22, 2001; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders attended Mississippi Delta Community
8 College and Delta State Teachers College, now known as Delta State
9 University; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders faithfully served the United States in
11 the Navy for 23 years and reached the rank of Captain, the highest
12 rank a woman could achieve in the Navy at that time; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders attended the first NATO Conference for
14 Women in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1960; and

15 WHEREAS, highlights of Ms. Sanders naval career include
16 working with Admiral Richard E. Byrd in 1955 as part of the
17 International Geophysical Year and her three years of service in
18 Japan on the staff of the Commander of Naval Forces; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders returned to the Delta in 1972, where she
20 has remained an active member of her community for many years,
21 having been instrumental in the planning and building of the
22 Veterans Monument in Greenwood, which was dedicated in 1999; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition, Ms. Sanders serves on the Foundation
24 Board at Delta State University, the Board of the Cottonlandia
25 Museum and is an active member of Sidon United Methodist Church;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders has received numerous awards throughout
28 her long and distinguished career including Delta State University
29 Alumnus of the Year; Mississippi Delta Junior College Alumnus of
30 the Year; Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame; the United
31 Nations, Korean and National Defense Service Medals; and the
32 Legion of Merit Award for exceptionally meritorious achievement;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
35 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend outstanding
36 Mississippians such as Ms. Sanders, whose dedication and hard work
37 in her community exemplifies that of a model citizen:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
40 commend and congratulate Ms. Viola Brown Sanders upon being named
41 Outstanding Citizen of Leflore County by the Greenwood Lions Club
42 and express our heartiest wishes for success in all her future
43 endeavors.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 furnished to Ms. Viola Brown Sanders and to members of the Capitol
46 Press Corps.