

By: Senator(s) Dearing, Johnson (38th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 550

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR.
2 LAMAR BRAXTON OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, THE BLUFF CITY POST "PERSON
3 OF THE DECADE."

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Lamar A. Braxton, Sr., CEO of
5 Adams-Jefferson-Franklin-Claiborne (AFJC) Community Action Agency
6 which operates Head Start Centers in four counties, has been named
7 "Person of the Decade" by the Bluff City Post; and

8 WHEREAS, for more than 37 years, Dr. Braxton has been the
9 Chief Executive of AFJC Community Action Agency, and in that
10 position, Dr. Braxton has become even more acutely aware of how
11 important education is and will be to the young people who are
12 coming along today; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Braxton has been a member of the East Mount
14 Olive Baptist Church in rural Jefferson County for over 50 years,
15 yet he has made his home in Natchez for well over 30 years; when
16 the church decided to build their present day church, Dr. Braxton
17 was head of the building committee; and

18 WHEREAS, at East Mount Olive, he created an orientation
19 committee for new members, and is presently serving as Chairman of
20 the Deacon Board; in addition to being active in his own church,
21 he is a great supporter of the General Missionary Baptist
22 Convention; presently, Dr. Braxton is a member of the budget
23 committee for the Laymen's Department (Brotherhood Outreach
24 Program); and

25 WHEREAS, being a visionary long before so much emphasis was
26 placed on learning how to operate computers, Dr. Braxton began a

27 summer Computer Camp at Natchez Junior College for children ages
28 9-13 for a week at a time; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Braxton is a graduate of Jefferson County High
30 School and has a B.S. degree in Social Science with a minor in
31 English from Alcorn State University; while serving in the United
32 States Army, he worked as Neuro-Psychiatric Specialist in
33 medicine; after leaving the military, Dr. Braxton went back to
34 school and received his Master's degree in History from Tennessee
35 State University; he later did further study at the University of
36 Michigan in Psychology; and

37 WHEREAS, there is a great fondness in his heart for Alcorn
38 State University; he helped to organize the Natchez Chapter of the
39 Alcorn State University National Alumni Association; he remains an
40 ardent financial supporter of the university; and

41 WHEREAS, the church, Alcorn and AJFC have not been the only
42 beneficiaries of his services; Dr. Braxton deeply believes that in
43 order for one to reach one's potential, one must have access to
44 adequate healthcare, obtain a quality education, and experience
45 economic success; and

46 WHEREAS, his involvement in community activities has included
47 a tenure on the Economic Development Authority (EDA) Commission
48 sponsored by Entergy (formerly Mississippi Power and Light) to
49 attract industry to the region; in this effort, Dr. Braxton
50 learned that industry required skilled workers, a united
51 community, and a satisfactory transportation system; and

52 WHEREAS, Dr. Braxton has always believed that both the white
53 and black community must share a common interest in moving their
54 community forward; to that end, he has sought to bring racial
55 harmony to the community through his involvement with the Natchez
56 Unification Committee; he has served as past Chairman of the
57 Education Committee of the Adams County Chamber of Commerce; he
58 presently serves on the Natchez-Adams Airport Commission; he has
59 been a member of the Natchez Chapter of the NAACP Board of

60 Directors; Dr. Braxton's impact has not only been felt in the
61 Adams County and Jefferson County communities but also across the
62 state; he served on the Mississippi State Welfare Board under then
63 Governor William Winter, between 1980-1989, and served as chairman
64 of the board; and

65 WHEREAS, Dr. Braxton is currently chairman of the nominating
66 committee for the Mississippi Association of Community Action
67 Agencies (MACAA); and

68 WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, Dr. Braxton has been
69 involved in every aspect of life in the community; he has worked
70 hard to make education, social and business progress possible; and

71 WHEREAS, Dr. Braxton is married to Lee J. Braxton and is the
72 father of one son, Lamar Alvin Braxton, Jr.; and

73 WHEREAS, Dr. Braxton is a giant among men and continues to be
74 a positive force in his community and his state, and it is with
75 great pride that we recognize this designation which brings honor
76 to his family, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

77 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
78 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
79 we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Lamar Braxton of
80 Natchez, Mississippi, upon being named the Bluff City Post "Person
81 of the Decade" and wish him continued success in his future civic,
82 charitable and business endeavors.

83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
84 presented to Dr. Braxton and his family, and be made available to
85 the Capitol Press Corps.