HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. FRANCES COGGINS FOR HER 50 YEARS OF TEACHING IN THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CONGRATULATING HER UPON HER RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS, Ms. Frances Coggins, a native of Ratliff, Mississippi, will retire at the end of the 2001-2002 school year, having taught school for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Fulton High School, Ms. Coggins attended Itawamba Junior College and later completed her teaching degree at Mississippi State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Coggins began teaching at Unity School, where she taught third and fourth grade for nine years before Unity merged with Saltillo in the Lee County School District; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Coggins followed her students to Saltillo Elementary School, where she has taught fifth grade for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, throughout her long and distinguished teaching career, Ms. Coggins has taught thousands of Mississippi's young children; and

WHEREAS, many of the administrators and teachers Ms. Coggins now works with were once her students including Johnny Green, the Superintendent of Lee County School District; and

WHEREAS, during her 50 years of teaching, Ms. Coggins has seen numerous changes in the school systems, from indoor plumbing to more books from lack of resources to computers in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by such
outstanding educators as Ms. Coggins, who has dedicated 50 years
to teaching the young children of this state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and express our heartfelt
appreciation to Ms. Frances Coggins for her 50 years of teaching
in the Mississippi Public School System and congratulate her upon
her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
furnished to Ms. Frances Coggins and to the members of the Capitol
Press Corps.