

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 106

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. AND  
2 MRS. PAUL L. PARKER ON RECEIVING THE 2001-2002 JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF  
3 WATER VALLEY COMMUNITY INSPIRATION AWARD.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Parker, residents of Water  
5 Valley, Mississippi, were recently chosen by the Junior Auxiliary  
6 of Water Valley as recipients of the 2001-2002 Community  
7 Inspiration Award; and

8 WHEREAS, born July 29, 1915, Mr. Parker graduated from Macon  
9 High School in Noxubee County, Mississippi, and moved to Water  
10 Valley, where he opened his first business in 1937; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Charlotte Fredonia Todd Parker, born September  
12 11, 1915, and raised in Oxford, Mississippi, was a school teacher  
13 at Camp Ground School; and

14 WHEREAS, May 7, 1939, Mr. and Mrs. Parker were united in  
15 holy matrimony, and to their union, one daughter, the late  
16 Charlotte Nancy Parker Turnipseed was born; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Parker, a World War II veteran, who valiantly  
18 served the United States from October 17, 1943, to January 9,  
19 1946, has quite a notable reputation in and around the Water  
20 Valley community; and

21 WHEREAS, loyally serving as Water Valley's postmaster for  
22 nearly 30 years, Mr. Parker, once called "The Political Chief of  
23 Yalobusha County" by Senator Jim Eastland, was elected Alderman at  
24 Large and served as tri-county campaign manager for Senator John  
25 C. Stennis and as Colonel on Governor Fielding L. Wright's staff;  
26 and



27           WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker, devoted to loving her husband and  
28 attending the needs of her family, operated the family business  
29 while her husband bravely fought on our nation's behalf in World  
30 War II; and

31           WHEREAS, sharing an endless amount of love for one another,  
32 Mr. and Mrs. Parker have also shared many honors in addition to  
33 the 2001-2002 Community Inspiration Award, including their  
34 selection as Water Valley Ambassadors; the 1996 Grand Marshals for  
35 the Christmas Parade; and the 2002 Young at Heart Valentine  
36 Sweetheart Couple by the First Baptist Church of Water Valley; and

37           WHEREAS, being righteously committed to their Christian  
38 service as members of the First Baptist Church of Water Valley,  
39 Mr. and Mrs. Parker remain devoted in their faith, with Mr. Parker  
40 serving as Deacon and Mrs. Parker serving as Sunday School Teacher  
41 and as a member of the Flower and Memorial Committees; and

42           WHEREAS, Mr. Parker, a member of the Independent Order of Odd  
43 Fellows and Board of Directors for the Bank of Water Valley,  
44 received the Rotary Paul Harris Award; and

45           WHEREAS, the life and times of Mr. Parker are chronicled for  
46 all to enjoy for generations to come in his autobiography, "It Was  
47 Worth it All"; and

48           WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker, a fervent supporter of the WMU Mission  
49 Support, is a charter member of both the Junior Auxiliary of Water  
50 Valley and the Water Valley Garden Club; and

51           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
52 and commend Mississippians such as Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Parker,  
53 whose many noteworthy accomplishments and contributions to the  
54 Water Valley community epitomize a life of community service which  
55 serves as a model for all:

56           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
57 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
58 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. and Mrs.  
59 Paul Lincoln Parker of Water Valley, Mississippi, on being



60 selected the 2001-2002 recipients of the Community Inspiration  
61 Award and extend to them our heartiest wishes for many more years  
62 of good health, peace and happiness.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
64 furnished to Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Parker and to members of the  
65 Capitol Press Corps.

