By: Representative Stevens

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. ANNIE MAE WILSON ON BEING NAMED 1 A STATEWIDE MISSISSIPPI AGELESS HERO. 2 3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie Mae Wilson, Mayor of the Town of 4 Carrollton, recently was chosen as one of six statewide Mississippi Ageless Heroes; and 5 WHEREAS, after being a plantation homemaker for over 50 6 years, Mrs. Wilson, at the age of 71, decided to enter the 7 8 political arena, seeking a seat on the Carrollton Board of 9 Alderman; and WHEREAS, victorious in her race, Mrs. Wilson's career as an 10 alderman was short-lived, only to be surpassed by her being 11 elected mayor of Carrollton just 16 months after becoming an 12 alderman; and 13 WHEREAS, now 74 years old, Mrs. Wilson was chosen from a pool 14 of more than 200 nominees submitted to the Ageless Heroes program 15 sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi, which honors 16 those persons age 65 and over who have made significant 17 contributions to the State of Mississippi and their communities; 18 19 and WHEREAS, in addition to honoring those persons named Ageless 20 Heroes, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi also donates 21 \$1,000.00 to each hero's favorite charity; and 22 23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilson, who has continuously spread cheer throughout her community with her famous rolls and cheese straws, 24 25 has remained active in her church, serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the North Carrollton United Methodist Church 26

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27 and overseer of the church's new building project completed last 28 year; and

29 WHEREAS, with her personal philosophy on aging being to "Just 30 stay active. The more you do, the more you are able to do." Mrs. 31 Wilson gains assurance in knowing that her faith in God and 32 ability to face each day optimistically will continue to guide her 33 through maintaining an active life of service to the people of 34 Carrollton; and

35 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of 36 the State of Mississippi to recognize and pay special tribute to 37 remarkable citizens such as Mrs. Annie Mae Wilson, whose 38 outstanding, dedicated public service is an inspiration to all 39 Mississippians, young and old alike:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Mrs. Annie Mae Wilson on being named a Statewide Mississippi Ageless Hero and extend to her our heartiest wishes for many more years of good health, peace and happiness and success in all her future endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be 47 furnished to Mrs. Annie Mae Wilson, the Town of Carrollton and 48 members of the Capitol Press Corps.