

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. ANNIE M. LYNCH ON BEING NAMED A  
2 STATEWIDE MISSISSIPPI AGELESS HERO.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie M. Lynch, resident of Florence,  
4 Mississippi, and the oldest of six children, learned at an early  
5 age how to be a helpmate; and

6 WHEREAS, desiring to serve others, Mrs. Lynch was inspired by  
7 mission trips to Mexico to develop a way to assist the needy in  
8 her own backyard; and

9 WHEREAS, in August 1998, Mrs. Lynch took \$168.00 collected  
10 from children at her church, \$200.00 donated by her daughter and  
11 her own social security check and opened the County Line Food  
12 Pantry; and

13 WHEREAS, now 68 years old, Mrs. Lynch was chosen from a pool  
14 of more than 200 nominees submitted to the Ageless Heroes program  
15 sponsored by Blue Cross & Blue Shield, which honors those persons  
16 age 65 and over who have made significant contributions to the  
17 State of Mississippi and their communities; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to honoring those persons named Ageless  
19 Heroes, Blue Cross & Blue Shield also donates \$1,000.00 to each  
20 hero's favorite charity; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lynch and her husband, Thomas, drive to Jackson  
22 on a weekly basis to purchase 3,500 to 5,000 pounds of food for  
23 the nonprofit pantry, which is divided by volunteers and  
24 distributed to the residents in southwest Rankin County and  
25 northwest Simpson County; and

26 WHEREAS, with the help of donations from friends and churches  
27 and lots of volunteer labor, Mrs. Lynch, through the 24-hour



28 County Line Food Pantry, provides food for 240 family units and  
29 provides access to important information on government programs,  
30 as well as transportation for interested persons to sign up for  
31 these government programs; and

32 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of  
33 the State of Mississippi to recognize and pay special tribute to  
34 remarkable citizens such as Mrs. Annie M. Lynch, whose  
35 outstanding, dedicated public service is an inspiration to all  
36 Mississippians, young and old alike:

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

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
44 furnished to Mrs. Annie M. Lynch and members of the Capitol Press  
45 Corps.

