

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 36

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. DORA JEAN WHATLEY ON BEING NAMED
2 A STATEWIDE MISSISSIPPI AGELESS HERO.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Dora Jean Whatley, resident of Star,
4 Mississippi, upon retiring after 40 years of service as Star's
5 postmaster, decided that she needed to give something back to the
6 community; and

7 WHEREAS, upon leaving the post office, Ms. Whatley began
8 putting her stamp on a variety of organizations, donating property
9 for the Star Volunteer Fire Department and the Star Water
10 Association; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Whatley currently serves as President of the
12 Star Water Association's Board of Directors in addition to serving
13 as Treasurer of the Wesleyanna Cemetery Board, Sunday School
14 teacher, substitute pianist, Bible School volunteer and member of
15 the choir, Council of Ministries and Administrative Board at
16 Wesleyanna United Methodist Church; and

17 WHEREAS, now 74 years old, Ms. Whatley was chosen from a pool
18 of more than 200 nominees submitted to the Ageless Heroes program
19 sponsored by Blue Cross & Blue Shield, which honors those persons
20 age 65 and over who have made significant contributions to the
21 State of Mississippi and their communities; and

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

25 WHEREAS, named as Rankin County School District's Parent of
26 the Year, Ms. Whatley continues to serve as a mentor to McLaurin



27 Elementary students and has just recently helped fund new
28 playground equipment; and

29 WHEREAS, Ms. Whatley, who finds the time to sing with the
30 Mississippi Chorus and never missing a performance since becoming
31 a member, personally believes that each day can be faced as a
32 challenge and something can be done for your fellow man by
33 maintaining a positive attitude and viewing age only as a matter
34 of numbers; 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 Ms. Dora Jean Whatley, whose
38 outstanding, dedicated public service is an inspiration to all
39 Mississippians, young and old alike:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
42 commend Ms. Dora Jean Whatley on being named a Statewide
43 Mississippi Ageless Hero and extend to her our heartiest wishes
44 for many more years of good health, peace and happiness and
45 success in all her future endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
47 furnished to Ms. Dora Jean Whatley and members of the Capitol
48 Press Corps.

