

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.

