A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. JESSIE LEE BRYANT CLARK UPON THE
CELEBRATION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jessie Lee Bryant Clark, affectionately known
as Dear, will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 4, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clark was born and raised in Holly Bluff, Yazoo
County, Mississippi, with her 15 siblings by her parents, William
and Mary Elisha Bryant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clark attended Bayland School, although most of
the training and education she received was through the Sunday
School and youth activities of her church; and

WHEREAS, in 1924, Mrs. Clark married Lee Andrew Clark, a
minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which led to
many moves across the state to further his ministry including
Natchez, Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Benton and Jackson, where Mrs.
Clark currently resides; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clark was a dedicated minister's wife and
loving mother, who managed the home with a small income and by
raising chickens, pigs, and gardening fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clark still enjoys spending her time gardening,
quilting and traveling; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clark is an active member of New Bethel African
Methodist Episcopal Church in Jackson, Mississippi, where she is a
member of the Sunday School, the Missionary Society and the
Stewardess Board No. 2; and
WHEREAS, Mrs. Clark has been recognized for her outstanding community involvement and continues to mentor to young people and instill in them daily, the moral values of Christianity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clark has been lovingly supported by her late husband, Reverend Lee Andrew Clark; seven children: Lee Andrew, Jr., Sidney Lawrence, Vester Lee, Annie Mary, Madison Columbus, Ethel Salenia and Howard William; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mrs. Clark, who has dedicated her life to her family and serving her community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Jessie Lee Bryant Clark upon the celebration of her 100th birthday and express our heartiest wishes for happiness and good health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Mrs. Jessie Lee Bryant Clark and to members of the Capitol Press Corps.