By: Representative Barbour

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 78

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. NOEL GUTHRIE, JR., ON RECEIVING 2 THE 2002 GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE FOR VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR 3 SERVICE TO MISSISSIPPI'S DISABLED.

WHEREAS, Mr. Noel Guthrie, Jr., was presented the 2002
Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE) Award for
service to the disabled citizens of Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, diligently giving of himself to the patients at the 8 Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Center who suffer with the 9 effects of strokes, traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury, 10 Mr. Guthrie provides an air of dignity to those who require the 11 assistance of others with basic human needs; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Guthrie, freely and patiently gives his time to 13 savor and rekindle the precious moments life has to offer us all, 14 visits each floor searching for patients who are lonely, 15 frightened or simply bored to spread a ray of sunshine and hope on

16 their day; and

WHEREAS, the patients of Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Center respond to Mr. Guthrie with appreciation and open arms, expressing the depth of their love and gratitude for the time he has spent talking, reading or writing to them; and

21 WHEREAS, the GIVE Awards are presented to individuals such as 22 Mr. Guthrie who have dedicated themselves to easing the burdens of 23 others by demonstrating leadership, creativity, cooperation and 24 hard work in their service to others; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Guthrie's service to the state's disabled 26 citizens is evidence of Mississippi's rich history of 27 volunteerism, and exhibits the nature of care Mississippians share

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28 with one another as we work together to build a very bright 29 future; and

30 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of 31 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend such outstanding 32 Mississippians as Mr. Noel Guthrie, Jr., who epitomizes the 33 standards of volunteerism by his dedicated service to the disabled 34 citizens of our state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Noel Guthrie, Jr., on receiving the 2002 Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence Award for service to Mississippi's disabled and extend to him our warmest wishes for many more years of good health, peace, happiness and success in all his future endeavors.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be 43 furnished to Mr. Noel Guthrie, Jr., and to members of the Capitol 44 Press Corps.