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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 580

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING RECIPIENTS OF THE 2002  
2 MISSISSIPPI AGELESS HEROES AWARDS.

3 WHEREAS, the Ageless Heroes program was created by the Blue  
4 Cross and Blue Shield Association in 1997 to celebrate the spirit  
5 and vitality of our nations' seniors and to showcase the  
6 organization's long-time commitment to healthy aging; and

7 WHEREAS, although it was organized as a national program,  
8 Richard J. Hale, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Blue  
9 Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi, saw the need for a similar  
10 program in our home state; and

11 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Ageless Heroes program helps change  
12 society's spotlight by promoting the reality of active, healthy  
13 lifestyles for older adults; and

14 WHEREAS, regional and statewide honorees were selected by  
15 independent judges in the categories of Community Involvement,  
16 Creativity, Good Neighbor, Love of Learning, New Beginnings and  
17 Vitality; and

18 WHEREAS, recipients of the 2002 Mississippi Ageless Heroes  
19 Awards are as follows:

20 NORTHERN REGION

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 21 Sara Watkins, Southaven    | Iris Dickson Mitchell, Greenville |
| 22 Community Involvement      | Creativity                        |
| 23 Leota Cardwell, Starkville | Judge Lenore L. Prather, Columbus |
| 24 Good Neighbor              | Love of Learning                  |
| 25 Alene S. Speight, Lula     | Mary Ellen Pope, Columbus         |
| 26 New Beginnings             | Vitality                          |

27 CENTRAL REGION

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| 28 Ruby Jean Kennedy, Newton | Frances Finane, Raymond |
| 29 Community Involvement     | Creativity              |



30 Suretta Nunn, Noxapater Cora Norman, Ph.D., Jackson  
31 Good Neighbor Love of Learning

32 A. P. Fatherree, Sr., Jackson Sonny Oliphant, Philadelphia  
33 New Beginnings Vitality

34 SOUTHERN REGION

35 Earl C. Whittemore, Jr., Saucier Gerry Blessey, Biloxi  
36 Community Involvement Creativity

37 Mary Jo Wedgeworth, Laurel Joseph A. Yore, Hattiesburg  
38 Good Neighbor Love of Learning

39 Pearl Ravenscraft, Liberty Lucille W. Bailey, Waynesboro  
40 New Beginnings Vitality

41 STATEWIDE

42 Dora Jean Whatley, Samuel Marshall Gore, Ph.D.,  
43 Star Clinton  
44 Community Involvement Creativity

45 Annie M. Lynch, Monita McLemore, Ph.D., Ocean  
46 Florence Springs  
47 Good Neighbor Love of Learning

48 Annie Mae Wilson, Carrollton Pearson Gay, Vicksburg  
49 New Beginnings Vitality; and

50 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Mississippi Legislature to  
51 commend the spirit and vitality of our state's outstanding senior  
52 citizens:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
54 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
55 we do hereby commend the recipients of the 2002 Mississippi  
56 Ageless Heroes Awards.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
58 presented to each recipient of the 2002 Mississippi Ageless Heroes  
59 Award and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

