

By: Senator(s) White (29th), Frazier, Horhn, To: Rules
Dawkins

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ARTIST/JANITOR JESSIE GRIGSBY FOR HIS
2 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

3 WHEREAS, Jessie Grigsby, the Head Janitor of Northside
4 Elementary School, pulls double duty at the school by holding
5 drawing sessions where he sketches pictures of anything the
6 children request; and

7 WHEREAS, teachers at Northside Elementary, a school of about
8 700 second and third graders in Clinton, Mississippi, often use
9 Jessie Grigsby and his drawing sessions as a reward to the
10 children if they have behaved, done all of their homework and made
11 good scores on their tests; and

12 WHEREAS, Jessie Grigsby really grabs the young children's
13 attention, showing them what can be done with a pencil and plain
14 sheet of paper; and

15 WHEREAS, since art is not a part of the curriculum in Clinton
16 Public Schools until the sixth grade, Jessie Grigsby's work is
17 part of the education process around Northside Elementary; and

18 WHEREAS, Jessie Grigsby draws to help broaden the children's
19 minds and horizons, to help them challenge themselves and try new
20 things; and

21 WHEREAS, whatever he does, whether it's making sure the
22 school hallways have an extra special shine or the cartoon
23 characters he draws are correct down to the tiniest detail, Jessie
24 Grigsby credits his parents for teaching him to do things the
25 right way; and

26 WHEREAS, Jessie Grigsby also participates in the Brick
27 Streets Festival, part of Clinton's Arts in April, by showing his



28 works of art, sometimes giving away his art for free, and drawing
29 for children who wander by; and

30 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Shirley, have been married for 28
31 years and have raised three children; and

32 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
33 and commend such outstanding citizens as Jessie Grigsby:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
35 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Artist/Janitor Jessie
36 Grigsby for his contributions to the students of Northside
37 Elementary School.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 furnished to Jessie Grigsby and made available to the Capitol
40 Press Corps.

