

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND RECOGNIZING SANDRA CALHOUN OF
2 PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI, FOR HER SERVICE AS WORTHY MATRON OF THE
3 GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

4 WHEREAS, Sandra Ponder Calhoun of Puckett, Mississippi, has
5 served the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star as
6 Worthy Grand Matron in a dignified and very capable manner; and

7 WHEREAS, while growing up and attending Puckett School,
8 Sandra participated in sports and enjoyed playing the piano,
9 especially for her dad to sing. Before graduating from high
10 school, she was elected to participate in the Miss Mississippi
11 Pageant as Miss Rankin County; and

12 WHEREAS, her training at Jackson Commercial Business College
13 prepared her for her six years as a Deputy Clerk in the Chancery
14 Clerk's Office in Brandon, Mississippi. She also worked for two
15 years as a legal secretary; and

16 WHEREAS, Sandra married her high school sweetheart, Prentiss
17 Calhoun, on July 14, 1965, a short time before he graduated from
18 Mississippi State University. Sandra and Prentiss have three
19 children: Leigh, Brad and Thomas; and three grandchildren:
20 James, Erin and Austin; and

21 WHEREAS, as a faithful member of Puckett Baptist Church,
22 Sandra served as Organist, Bible Drill Leader, Rankin Baptist
23 Association Bible Drill Leader, Children's Choir Director, Youth
24 Sunday School Teacher, and on many committees; and

25 WHEREAS, Sandra and Prentiss were charter members of Puckett
26 Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. She served in many stations,
27 including Worthy Matron and Organist. She received her



28 proficiency on September 14, 1975, and has served on several Grand
29 Chapter Committees and as a Grand Representative of Massachusetts
30 in 1979. Sister Geraldine Roberts and Brother Eddie Smith
31 appointed her as Grand Organist in 1993; and

32 WHEREAS, after Puckett Chapter Sister Sandra joined Willis
33 Chapter, but she continued to serve her Puckett Chapter in a
34 faithful manner. She was appointed District Deputy Grand Matron
35 and served from 1995-1997 and as Grand Organist again in 1997 for
36 Sister Eleanor Keysear and Brother Tom Wallace; and

37 WHEREAS, in 1998, she was elected as Associate Grand Matron,
38 which opened the way for her to become Worthy Grand Matron in
39 2001. During these three years, Sister Sandra attended General
40 Grand Chapter in Orlando, Florida, and Detroit, Michigan; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we acknowledge the civic
42 and charitable service of this Mississippian who has brought honor
43 to the Order of the Eastern Star and to the State of Mississippi:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and recognize Sandra
46 Calhoun of Puckett, Mississippi, for her service as Worthy Matron
47 of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star on the
48 occasion of the "Celebration of Eastern Star" 96th Annual Session
49 to be held on April 14-17, 2002, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and
50 extend to her the greetings of the Mississippi Senate and wish her
51 success in her future endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
53 presented to Sandra Calhoun by Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck at
54 this occasion and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

