

By: Senator(s) Jordan

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. IRENE J. MITCHELL UPON THE  
2 OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Irene J. Mitchell was born on October 24, 1902,  
4 in Leflore County, Mississippi. Mrs. Mitchell, along with her  
5 friends and family, will celebrate her centennial birthday on  
6 October 24, 2002; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell is a long-time resident of Leflore  
8 County. Mrs. Mitchell attended Cypress Grove (a small country  
9 church) and McNease School as a child. Most of her 100 years have  
10 been spent working and doing for others; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell has worked as a maid, a laundress and  
12 a laborer in a meat packing plant and at the oil mill. She can  
13 give a vivid account of the Depression and how hard times were.  
14 Mrs. Mitchell also speaks of how many people her hands have nursed  
15 back to health and fed in her community; and

16 WHEREAS, as a young adult, Mrs. Mitchell had to nurse and  
17 care for her mother until she died. In addition to taking care of  
18 her mother and numerous unrelated people, she also nursed an uncle  
19 and aunt until their death; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell was unable to have any biological  
21 children, so at age 60 and 64, she and her late husband adopted a  
22 son and a daughter. After the death of her husband, she was left  
23 to take care of the children who now are deceased. She now cares  
24 for a 19-year old granddaughter whom she has been raising since  
25 age six when her mother died; and

26 WHEREAS, at nearly 100 years old, Mrs. Mitchell is still very  
27 active in her church, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. She



28 is a member of the Prayer Chain, a group that gets together to  
29 pray for others and their special intentions and an associate  
30 member of Pax Christi, a group that works to improve the  
31 conditions of others. Also, she still plants and works a garden  
32 every year so that she can share vegetables with others, and  
33 cooks and feeds the shut-ins and the poor in her community. Mrs.  
34 Mitchell says she believes that her willingness to be of service  
35 to others is the reason God has allowed her to see almost 100  
36 years; and

37 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
38 landmark event in the life of a Mississippian whose life serves as  
39 a model to others:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
41 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Irene  
42 J. Mitchell, of Leflore County, Mississippi, upon the occasion of  
43 her 100th birthday, and extend to her the best wishes of the  
44 Senate.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
46 Mrs. Mitchell and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

