

By: Senator(s) Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. WARNER
2 WEBSTER, SR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY.

3 WHEREAS, on Saturday, November 30, 2002, there will be a
4 100th Topaz Birthday celebration for the friends and family of Mr.
5 Warner Webster, Sr., of Jackson, Mississippi; and

6 WHEREAS, Warner Webster is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs.
7 Willie Webster of Madison County, Mississippi. He was born
8 November 18, 1902, in Pocahontas, Mississippi, and is the oldest
9 of eleven children; five of which are now deceased; and

10 WHEREAS, he received a limited education at the Mount Center
11 Church School in Pocahontas during the early years of the 1900's.
12 While his education was limited, he never ceased to excel at
13 anything that he set his heart, hands and mind to do in life. He
14 was born for greatness, and great he is. At the age of eight, he
15 would help haul in 20 bales of cotton and over 30 loads of corn
16 each day. The rest of the time he gathered sweet potatoes, peas
17 and watermelons from the field and took care of the chickens and
18 hogs before he helped make molasses; and

19 WHEREAS, in December of 1923, Mr. Webster married the woman
20 of his dreams, the late Leila Miller of Flora, Mississippi. To
21 this happy and devoted couple, ten delightful gifts were given of
22 God in the names of Annie, Rosie, Viola, Shellie, Mattie, Warner
23 Jr., Robert, Pearlie, W.C., and Willie. Prior to his marriage to
24 Leila, he was blessed with a daughter, Betty. Warner and Leila
25 helped raise two of their grandchildren, Ernestine and Robert
26 Earl. He taught his children to love, respect and help others.
27 He instilled in them that there was something in a name,



28 especially the Webster name which demanded respect of both young
29 and old alike; and

30 WHEREAS, at a very youthful age, Mr. Webster made his
31 confession of Christ at the Mount Center Church. His spiritual
32 gifts let him work diligently and relentlessly in many segments of
33 the church. As an active member of the Mount Center Church, he
34 labored dutifully as a Deacon of the church, a member of the
35 Senior Choir, and a servant to those who needed help. He was a
36 great hymn leader and prayer warrior as he often sung and prayed
37 during weekly church services and never failed to pray each
38 morning as he rose to start his day and each evening as he ended
39 his day; and

40 WHEREAS, attributes and principles of true manhood were
41 manifested in his daily appearance, his walk and his countenance.
42 To him everyone is "beautiful"; and

43 WHEREAS, Mr. Webster's occupation for many years was that of
44 a farmer. He, his wife and their ten children worked diligently
45 sowing and reaping in the fields at "Big Black," an area of Flora,
46 Mississippi, where he lived shortly after marriage in 1923 until
47 1954. In 1955, he moved those family members, not yet grown and
48 on their own, to Madison, Mississippi, where he continued to sow
49 into the earth and received great harvests of cotton, corn, sweet
50 potatoes, peanuts and all the vegetables that a garden could grow.
51 He distributed to the needy and performed many charitable acts
52 throughout the area; and

53 WHEREAS, with four children and two grandchildren remaining
54 at home, Mr. Webster continued to farm the land. In 1956, he took
55 a job in Jackson, at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center as a
56 dietary production worker where he worked for over twenty years
57 while he continued to farm for at least four more years. Mr.
58 Webster worked untiringly at the Medical Center, hardly missing a
59 day, showing up even during hazardous weather; and



60 WHEREAS, in November 1960, Mr. Webster ended his farming
61 career and moved to Jackson. He continued to work at the hospital
62 until he retired in 1979 at the ripe old age of 78. After
63 retirement, he could do all the things that he loved and enjoyed
64 on a more regular basis; and

65 WHEREAS, in the Summer of 1975, Mr. Webster lost his fourth
66 daughter, Shellie. In the Winter of 1980, he lost his second
67 child, Rosie and in April 2001, he lost his daughter Betty. In
68 October 1985, he lost his wife Leila; and

69 WHEREAS, Mr. Webster still resides at his Jackson home and is
70 cared for by family members. God has given him longevity.
71 Because Warner Webster has lived during the 20th Century and is
72 now a part of the 21st Century or New Millennium, his family and
73 friends call him the "New Millennium Man"; and

74 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we offer special
75 recognition to this Mississippi citizen who is an inspiration to
76 his family, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

77 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
78 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Warner
79 Webster, Sr., on the occasion of his 100th birthday, and extend to
80 him and his family the best wishes of the Senate.

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
82 Mr. Webster at his 100th Birthday celebration and be made
83 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

