

By: Representative Brown

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. CYNTHIA COOPER ON HER  
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND UPON BEING NAMED ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S  
3 "PERSONS OF THE YEAR" FOR 2002.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cynthia Cooper, a native resident of Clinton,  
5 Mississippi, and WorldCom's vice president of internal audit, was  
6 named one of Time Magazine's "Persons of the Year" for 2002; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper's diligence, tenacity and perseverance  
8 to acquire her rightful place in the higher echelon and  
9 infrastructure of corporate America, proved to be a demanding  
10 endeavor, but nevertheless, worth the while; and

11 WHEREAS, having received her formal education in the Clinton  
12 Public School System, Mrs. Cooper's matriculation of higher  
13 education at Mississippi State University was fast-paced, in  
14 addition to giving her a firm foundation and equipping her with  
15 the necessities to climb the often demanding corporate ladder; and

16 WHEREAS, fulfilling her role as vice president of internal  
17 audit of what was, for a time, the twenty-fifth largest company in  
18 the United States, Mrs. Cooper has endured some very intensive  
19 attacks on her character as well as the loss of some of her  
20 colleagues; and

21 WHEREAS, never being one to give up on pursuing a fight for  
22 equity, justice and truth, Mrs. Cooper embarked upon a task that  
23 forced her to make, perhaps, the toughest decision in her  
24 corporate career, shedding light on the largest corporate hoax to  
25 date in America; and

26 WHEREAS, in efforts to insure proper measures were followed,  
27 Mrs. Cooper took every approach that could have possibly been



28 taken in confronting the situation in order to assure most  
29 efficient resolution of the conflict; and

30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper never wavered one moment in her work  
31 ethic and remained unrelenting in seeking out the best interest of  
32 the company and its thousands of employees; and

33 WHEREAS, now working to restore WorldCom to its once  
34 prodigious state of excellence and assurance of quality services  
35 and support, Mrs. Cooper has been considered by millions as a  
36 heroine, but probably not more so than by her family, including:  
37 husband, Lance; daughters, Stephanie and Anna Katherine; and  
38 parents, Gene and Patsy Ferrell; and

39 WHEREAS, it is because of her diligent efforts that Time  
40 Magazine honored her with one of the three commendations as  
41 "Person of the Year" for 2002; and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of  
43 Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence in such  
44 outstanding Mississippians as Mrs. Cooper, who has exemplified the  
45 true meaning of virtue, integrity, honesty and hope:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
48 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Cynthia  
49 Cooper on her accomplishments and upon being named one of Time  
50 Magazine's "Persons of the Year" for 2002, and wish to extend our  
51 heartiest wishes for success in all her future endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
53 furnished to Mrs. Cynthia Cooper and members of the Capitol Press  
54 Corps.

