

By: Representatives Mayo, Espy

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MRS.
2 ALMA JEAN WOODS AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND
3 FRIENDS UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Alma Jean Woods departed this life on Sunday,
5 December 29, 2002, causing great loss to her family and friends;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, born in Port Gibson, Mississippi, on January 3,
8 1926, to Elder Burnett Longus Jacobs, Sr. and Willie Dora Heath
9 Jacobs, Mrs. Woods received her formal education at Southern
10 Christian Institute in Edwards, Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, having earned her bachelor of arts degree from
12 Tougaloo College, Mrs. Woods furthered her studies at Purdue
13 University, Ohio State University, Delta State University and
14 Jackson State University; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Woods, a member of the Clarksdale First
16 Christian Church, served as minister of music for more than thirty
17 years, while also leading the Christian Fellowship Organization
18 and Christian Youth Fellowship; and

19 WHEREAS, on December 15, 1951, Mrs. Woods married Theodore
20 Henry Woods, Jr., and during their union of thirty-four years,
21 eight children were born; and

22 WHEREAS, a lifelong educator, Mrs. Woods taught in the
23 classroom until her retirement in 1985 at Coahoma Agricultural
24 High School after more than thirty years; and

25 WHEREAS, widely known in Clarksdale as a community leader,
26 Mrs. Woods helped found the Riley-Sycamore Neighborhood Watch
27 Association, in addition to being a local and state member of the



28 Twenty-first Century Club, board member of Immaculate Conception
29 School, volunteer at River Oaks Convalescent Home, and tapped as
30 Mother of Year in 1989 by the National Association for the
31 Advancement of Colored People; and

32 WHEREAS, the legacy and memory of Mrs. Woods will forever
33 live on in the lives of all who knew and loved her, particularly
34 her survivors, including: children, Shirley Woods-Crockett,
35 Thelma Woods-Brittain, Theodore Henry Woods III, Ouida
36 Woods-Moorehead, Skylar Woods Nunley, Dimitri Woods Crain, Marc
37 Jacob Woods, and Karen Woods-Done; fourteen grandchildren; and
38 great-grandchildren; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
40 the State of Mississippi to commend such outstanding
41 Mississippians as Mrs. Woods, whose positive influence and
42 encouragement will always be remembered:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
45 commend the life and accomplishments of Mrs. Alma Jean Woods and
46 express our deepest sympathy to her family and friends upon her
47 passing.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
49 furnished to the family of Mrs. Alma Jean Woods and members of the
50 Capitol Press Corps.

