

By: Representatives Weathersby, Moore
(60th), Rogers, Smith (59th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. THOMAS R.
2 "PAPA" SHACK, SR., FOR BEING A RECIPIENT OF THE BLUE CROSS & BLUE
3 SHIELD MISSISSIPPI AGELESS HEROES AWARD FOR 2003.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas R. "Papa" Shack, Sr., age 72, and a
5 resident of Florence, Mississippi, has been selected as a
6 statewide honoree as a 2003 Mississippi Ageless Hero for his
7 community involvement; and

8 WHEREAS, after retiring from a prosperous welding business,
9 Mr. Shack, at the age of 71, returned to school and earned his GED
10 because he wanted to set a good example for the young people he
11 desired to work with by encouraging them to stay in school; and

12 WHEREAS, fulfilling his desire to work with young people, Mr.
13 Shack, fondly known as "Papa Shack," serves as a Roving Goodwill
14 Ambassador for the Rankin County Sheriff's Department, where he
15 volunteers over 150 hours each month by visiting schools to talk
16 to children about their concerns, problems and successes; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to helping young people in his role as a
18 Roving Goodwill Ambassador, Mr. Shack also assists his community
19 by fundraising for organizations and individuals, such as raising
20 \$840.00 for the McLaurin Band, \$1,500.00 to help a family whose
21 home flooded and raising \$5,000.00 for a physically disabled
22 individual who wanted to fulfill a special wish; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Shack's generosity goes well beyond fundraising,
24 he also spends hours checking on the well-being of those who are
25 shut-in and elderly by visiting with them and providing assistance
26 in various ways, such as running errands for them; and



27 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
28 the State of Mississippi to recognize an individual, such as Mr.
29 Thomas R. Shack, Sr., who exhibits the very best spirit and
30 vitality of our nation's seniors while helping his community
31 through volunteering and inspiring others:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commend and
34 congratulate Mr. Thomas R. "Papa" Shack, Sr., for being a
35 recipient of the Blue Cross & Blue Shield Mississippi Ageless
36 Heroes Award for 2003.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
38 furnished to Mr. Thomas R. Shack, Sr., and to members of the
39 Capitol Press Corps.

