

By: Senator(s) Jackson, Williamson, Simmons, Jordan, Blackmon, Frazier, Harden, Horhn, Johnson (38th), Turner, Walls To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. WINSON HUDSON FOR HER MANY
2 OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Winson Hudson was born on November 17, 1916, in
4 the all African-American community of Harmony, Mississippi, in
5 Leake County; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudson, along with her sister, Dovie, emerged
7 as courageous leaders in the freedom struggle in the early 1960s
8 and filed the first suit for school desegregation in a rural
9 Mississippi county; and

10 WHEREAS, having been one of the first to register to vote,
11 Mrs. Hudson became involved in the NAACP and was elected president
12 of the county chapter and served for the next 38 years; and

13 WHEREAS, subjected to harassment and threats of violence,
14 Mrs. Hudson appeared before the United States Commission on Civil
15 Rights in February of 1965 to speak about the harassment of her
16 fellow neighbors who were being harassed while attempting to
17 register to vote; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudson was instrumental in the establishment of
19 the first Head Start program in Leake County, voter registration
20 drives, the integration of the Holiday Inn in Clarksdale, and
21 helped with the efforts to desegregate all public facilities in
22 Carthage, Mississippi; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudson has been recognized for her many
24 outstanding accomplishments including serving as a delegate to the
25 Democratic National Convention in 1976 and was presented the
26 Fannie Lou Hamer Award by the Mississippi Democratic Party in
27 1989; and



28 WHEREAS, in 1989, Mrs. Hudson attended the opening of Brian
29 Lanker's photographic exhibition, "I Dream A World: Portraits of
30 Black Women Who Changed America," at the Corcoran Gallery in
31 Washington, D.C., which featured a photo of Mrs. Hudson and her
32 sister; and

33 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudson testified on behalf of Mississippi's
34 poor citizens before President Bill Clinton's Health Reform Task
35 Committee in Washington, D.C., in 1994; and

36 WHEREAS, in the fall of 2002, Mrs. Hudson fulfilled her life
37 long dream and heart's desire with the publication of her book,
38 "Mississippi Harmony"; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Senate of the State of
40 Mississippi to recognize and commend outstanding citizens such as
41 Mrs. Hudson, who has dedicated her life to improve the quality of
42 life for people everywhere:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
44 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Mrs. Winson Hudson for her
45 many outstanding contributions to the civil rights movement and
46 express our heartfelt wishes for success in all her future
47 endeavors.

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

