

By: Senator(s) Hamilton

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING STARKVILLE
2 RESIDENT ELIZABETH GWIN FOR HER RECEIPT OF THE BLUE CROSS & BLUE
3 SHIELD AGELESS HERO AWARD FOR 2003.

4 WHEREAS, whether she is working with the Girl Scouts, working
5 with her church, the Mississippi University for Women,
6 Meals-On-Wheels, or any one of a number of community
7 organizations, Elizabeth Gwin's enthusiasm for helping others is
8 undeterred by her age; and

9 WHEREAS, in recognition of her tireless community efforts,
10 Elizabeth Gwin was honored as a Mississippi Ageless Hero on
11 January 28th in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where the featured
12 speaker was Apollo 13 Astronaut Captain James Lovell; and

13 WHEREAS, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi sponsors the
14 Mississippi Ageless Heroes program to recognize seniors who show
15 that life after age 65 can be a time of activity, vitality and
16 accomplishment. Each hero is a Mississippi resident who
17 represents achievements in one of six categories: Community
18 Involvement, Creativity, Good Neighbor, Love of Learning, New
19 Beginnings and Vitality. Six heroes each are chosen from the
20 northern, central and southern regions of Mississippi. Another
21 six heroes represent the state as a whole; and

22 WHEREAS, a regional honoree in the Vitality category,
23 Elizabeth, 93, is a long-time Girl Scout leader. In an effort to
24 help children with special needs enjoy the benefits of scouting,
25 Elizabeth created a camp session for "special children" at Lake
26 Tik-A-Witha. The session now bears her name and she goes each
27 summer to help and train the session's workers; and



28 WHEREAS, Elizabeth is a volunteer for Meals-On-Wheels and
29 regularly takes one of the more demanding routes through town.
30 She was the national President of the MUW Alumnae Association and
31 has received the Alumnae Achievement Award; and

32 WHEREAS, Elizabeth was one of more than 400 senior citizens
33 nominated for the Sixth Annual Mississippi Ageless Heroes program.
34 Judges chose 24 nominees, ranging in age from 67 to 93, to receive
35 the 2003 awards. The heroes' activities include working to better
36 their communities, pursuing advanced educational degrees,
37 ministering to the needy and those in prison, storytelling and
38 excelling in sports; and

39 WHEREAS, the achievements of these Ageless Heroes are
40 examples of what we can accomplish if we don't view age as a
41 limitation. We want to encourage healthy lifestyles at every
42 stage of life. All of the nominees, and our winners in
43 particular, are role models for Mississippians of all ages:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Elizabeth
46 Gwin of Starkville, Mississippi, for her receipt of the Blue Cross
47 & Blue Shield Ageless Hero Award for 2003 in the category of
48 Vitality, and extend to her the best wishes of the Senate for many
49 more years of civic and charitable leadership.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
51 Elizabeth Gwin and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

