

By: Senator(s) Hamilton

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING STARKVILLE
2 RESIDENT MISSOURI MONTGOMERY UPON BEING NAMED BLUE CROSS & BLUE
3 SHIELD'S AGELESS HERO WINNER FOR 2003.

4 WHEREAS, according to those who know her, Missouri Montgomery
5 "holds all the qualities of an angel on earth". At age 73,
6 Montgomery begins each day by 5:30 a.m. to take several of her
7 neighbors to work. She returns by 6:30 a.m. to be sure her two
8 great-grandchildren and a foster child who lives with her are
9 ready for school. She cares for her disabled son and then is off
10 again to take others to work between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m., and
11 that's just for starters; and

12 WHEREAS, in recognition of her kindness and helpfulness,
13 Montgomery was honored as a Mississippi Ageless Hero at a January
14 28, 2003, awards luncheon at the Lake Terrace Convention Center in
15 Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The featured speaker was Apollo 13
16 Astronaut Captain James Lovell; and

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

26 WHEREAS, a statewide honoree in the Good Neighbor category,
27 Montgomery also cares for a friend with cancer across town,



28 bringing her food and sometimes taking her to Columbus for
29 treatment. She delivers food to senior citizens two days each
30 week. Each afternoon, Montgomery makes her rounds again, picking
31 up her neighbors after work. Montgomery says she believes in
32 giving back the blessings that God has given her; and

33 WHEREAS, in addition to helping out her neighbors each and
34 everyday, Montgomery still finds time to work in her church's
35 hospitality ministry. She prepares fresh fruit baskets for the
36 Pastor every Sunday morning and prepares meals following church
37 events and for bereaved families after funerals. Whether she's
38 taking care of a sick family or friends or making trips to Jackson
39 for someone who needs a ride, Montgomery does it without complaint
40 and never asks or expects payment in return; and

41 WHEREAS, Montgomery was one of more than 400 senior citizens
42 nominated for the sixth annual Mississippi Ageless Heroes program.
43 Judges chose 24 nominees - ranging in age from 67 to 93 - to
44 receive the 2003 awards. The heroes' activities include working
45 to better their communities, pursuing advanced educational
46 degrees, ministering to the needy and those in prison,
47 storytelling and excelling in sports; and

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

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
54 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Starkville
55 resident Missouri Montgomery upon being named Blue Cross & Blue
56 Shield's Ageless Hero Winner for 2003 in the category of Good
57 Neighbor, and extend to her the best wishes of the Senate for her
58 future civic and charitable endeavors.



59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
60 Missouri Montgomery and be made available to the Capitol Press
61 Corps.

