

By: Representatives Brown, Mayo, Whittington To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 42

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE GFWC-MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF  
2 WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC., FOR ITS DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE MISSISSIPPI  
3 AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION.

4 WHEREAS, in and before 1969 GFWC-Mississippi Federation of  
5 Women's Clubs, Inc., recognized the need in Mississippi for a  
6 statewide system of educational television in order to bring  
7 instructional television to the schools and students of this  
8 state, as well as the desirability of allowing educational,  
9 literary, historical and similar programming which was not then  
10 being offered by commercial stations and further realized the  
11 availability of television licenses for that purpose; and

12 WHEREAS, GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.,  
13 formed a consortium with educators and others interested in a  
14 better and more efficient instruction of our children in order to  
15 foster the establishment of statewide educational television for  
16 the state and secure for the state the available licenses; and

17 WHEREAS, GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.,  
18 along with its consortium partners began a campaign to inform the  
19 public and the Legislature of the desirability of establishing a  
20 system of statewide public television and radio; and

21 WHEREAS, the efforts resulted in the establishment of the  
22 Mississippi Authority for Educational Television under Chapter 31,  
23 Laws of 1969, Extraordinary Session; and

24 WHEREAS, GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.,  
25 continued its interest in educational television through the  
26 construction of the basic statewide system beginning with the  
27 Jackson station and ending with the Booneville station; and

28           WHEREAS, the work and foresight of the consortium of which  
29 GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., was a part,  
30 along with the legislative committees, resulted in the location of  
31 eight television transmitters in a manner to provide coverage to  
32 the entire state with the fewest transmitters feasible; and

33           WHEREAS, this transmitter location was available to allow the  
34 addition of statewide public radio when it became feasible to do  
35 so, in addition to also allowing the establishment of the Radio  
36 Reading Service of Mississippi, which provides audio services,  
37 including the reading of the daily newspapers to the blind and  
38 print-handicapped citizens of the State of Mississippi; and

39           WHEREAS, for the services it has provided, GFWC-Mississippi  
40 Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., has allowed Mississippi to  
41 become among the first states to have such statewide service,  
42 further allowing the establishment of the first state-wide system  
43 of National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Weather  
44 Radio stations, which provide tornado and other warnings as well  
45 as weather and related hazard alerts and bulletins; and

46           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
47 recognize the efforts of GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's  
48 Clubs, Inc., which have over many years been greatly beneficial to  
49 the schools, students and citizens of this state:

50           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
51 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
52 commend and congratulate the GFWC-Mississippi Federation of  
53 Women's Clubs, Inc., on its diligent service to the Mississippi  
54 Authority for Educational Television, the citizens of this state,  
55 in the area of educational television, public radio and related  
56 endeavors and extend our heartiest wishes for success in all its  
57 future endeavors.

58           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
59 furnished to the officers of GFWC-Mississippi Federation of

60 Women's Clubs, Inc., on behalf of its members and to the members  
61 of the Capitol Press Corps.