

By: Representatives Warren, Eaton

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING GWEN KEYS HITT ON BEING SELECTED  
2 MISSISSIPPI COUNSELING ASSOCIATION'S 2003 SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE  
3 YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, Gwen Keys Hitt, professional school counselor at  
5 Collins Middle School, was recently selected as the recipient of  
6 the 2003 Mississippi Counseling Association's Counselor of the  
7 Year Award; and

8 WHEREAS, a seasoned educator with 36 years of experience as a  
9 teacher, counselor and minister of music, Mrs. Hitt received  
10 several degrees better equipping her for a career in education and  
11 counseling, including a bachelor of arts in elementary education  
12 from the University of Southern Mississippi, a master of arts from  
13 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, a masters in education from  
14 the University of Southern Mississippi and national board  
15 certification in counseling/school counseling; and

16 WHEREAS, from 1995 to the present, Mrs. Hitt has been an  
17 affiliate of and has held key positions in several professional  
18 organizations, including the Pine Belt Counseling Association, the  
19 Mississippi Counseling Association, the Mississippi School  
20 Counselors Association and the Mississippi Chapter of the American  
21 School Counselor Association; and

22 WHEREAS, held in the highest of esteem, by administrators,  
23 faculty colleagues, parents and students alike, Mrs. Hitt has been  
24 the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including being named  
25 the Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary  
26 International, a nominee for the Governor's Initiative for  
27 Volunteer Excellence Award, Covington County Chamber of Commerce

28 Volunteer of the Year, receiving the Pine Belt School Counselor of  
29 the Year, the Distinguished Service Award by the Mississippi State  
30 University Alumni Association, the Highest Profession Growth  
31 Award, the M.B. Swayze Educational Foundation Award of Excellence  
32 and the Shadrack Rogers Chapter of Daughters of the American  
33 Revolution (DAR) Outstanding Arts in Education Award, in addition  
34 to many others; and

35 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hitt continually strives to broaden the depth  
36 of her knowledge in counseling by engaging in professional  
37 continuing education in the areas of grant writing,  
38 interdisciplinary alcohol and drug studies, crisis intervention,  
39 motivational strategies, asset building, testing strategies and  
40 ethical and legal issues; and

41 WHEREAS, equipped with her vast wealth of knowledge, gained  
42 through many years of experience, Mrs. Hitt has written and  
43 received 52 school-related grants, wrote and edited *Windows on the*  
44 *World, The 50 United States* and *Points to Ponder*, a three-part  
45 series of 180 Morning Messages for use in schools throughout the  
46 State of Mississippi and the nation and wrote *Covington County*  
47 *Crossroads, A History of Covington County, Mississippi*; and

48 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hitt is active in every facet of community  
49 involvement, religious, social, civic and humanitarian, and uses  
50 these involvements to further her efforts of being of assistance  
51 to those in need; and

52 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
53 commend excellence especially when evidenced by individuals such  
54 as Mrs. Hitt, who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to  
55 dedicate her life to developing and cultivating the minds,  
56 self-esteem, morale and bodies of the many young Mississippians  
57 with whom she has come in contact during her career:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
59 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
60 recognize, commend and congratulate Mrs. Gwen Keys Hitt upon her

61 selection as the 2003 School Counselor of the Year by the  
62 Mississippi Counseling Association and extend our heartiest wishes  
63 for success in all her future endeavors.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
65 furnished to Mrs. Gwen Keys Hitt, the Covington County School  
66 District and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.