

By: Representatives Holloway, Hudson,
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 49

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SUCCESS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
2 JUDGE MABLEAN EPHRIAM AND RECOGNIZING HER CONTRIBUTIONS AS A
3 NATIONAL MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER.

4 WHEREAS, Judge Mablean Ephriam, a native of Hazlehurst,
5 Mississippi, and resident of Los Angeles, California, has
6 surmounted various obstacles to obtain national acclaim, notoriety
7 and greatness, and has used her gifts and success to change and
8 inspire the lives of many throughout the United States as a
9 motivational speaker; and

10 WHEREAS, the ninth child of ten children born to Robert and
11 Mable Ephriam, and the proud mother of four children, Judge
12 Ephriam is now the presiding TV Judge on "Divorce Court,"
13 televised by Fox Television; and

14 WHEREAS, presiding over "Divorce Court" since 1998, Judge
15 Ephriam recently shared in the joyous occasion of the show's
16 1,000th episode; and

17 WHEREAS, beginning her legal career in law enforcement as a
18 correctional officer at the Women's Division of the Federal Bureau
19 of Prisoners, Terminal Islands, Judge Ephriam's determination and
20 perseverance allowed her to pursue her childhood dream of becoming
21 a lawyer; and

22 WHEREAS, while raising a family, she accepted employment as a
23 legal secretary, simultaneously attending and ultimately
24 completing her course of studies at Whittier College of Law; and

25 WHEREAS, a nationally recognized speaker traveling throughout
26 the country to inform and educate individuals on real-life topics,
27 Judge Ephriam, equipped with over 20 years of experience as a

28 trial attorney and mediator, brings a wealth of knowledge and
29 expertise to the bench of "Divorce Court"; and

30 WHEREAS, well known for her community and professional
31 involvement, Judge Ephriam is co-owner of E & E House of Care,
32 "Assisted Living for the Elderly" and founder of the Honoring
33 Unsung Fathers (H.U.F.) Awards, which recognizes fathers who
34 accept responsibility for their children and participate in the
35 vital developments in their lives; and

36 WHEREAS, recipient of numerous honors, awards and
37 recognitions, Judge Ephriam has been recognized by the Women's
38 Lawyers Association of Los Angeles with a Distinguished Service
39 Award for her contribution as cofounder of the Harriet Buhai
40 Center for Family Law, in addition to having received the 1995
41 Woman of the Year Award presented by the California State Assembly
42 - 48th District; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
44 recognize and commend such outstanding Mississippians as Judge
45 Ephriam, whose life, works and contributions to society reflect
46 the inner depths of warmth, congeniality, hospitality and genuine
47 concern for mankind that makes the State of Mississippi proud of
48 its natives:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
51 commend and congratulate Judge Mablean Ephriam on her many
52 successes and accomplishments, recognize her contributions as a
53 nationally acclaimed motivational speaker and extend our heartiest
54 wishes for success in all her future endeavors.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
56 furnished to Judge Mablean Ephriam and to the members of the
57 Capitol Press Corps.