

By: Representative Compretta

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 51

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. DAVID N.
2 MCDONALD FOR BEING A RECIPIENT OF THE BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD
3 MISSISSIPPI AGELESS HEROES AWARD FOR 2004.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. David N. McDonald, age 81, and a resident of Bay
5 St. Louis, Mississippi, has been selected as a statewide honoree
6 as a 2004 Mississippi Ageless Hero for his community involvement;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, for his courage, resourcefulness and exemplary
9 action in capturing 60 German prisoners of war in World War II, as
10 a young Second Lieutenant, and his courage at the Battle of the
11 Bulge, Mr. McDonald was awarded the Bronze Star, and upon his
12 discharge in 1946 he had attained the rank of Captain and was
13 presented the Purple Heart; and

14 WHEREAS, following his military discharge, Mr. McDonald
15 worked in his family's lumber business and later opened McDonald
16 Flooring, gaining a reputation as "one of the most accommodating
17 businessmen ever known"; and

18 WHEREAS, for his generous contribution of his time to make
19 Hancock County a better place in which to live, work and rear a
20 family, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce named him Citizen
21 of the Year in 1993; and

22 WHEREAS, perhaps Mr. McDonald's most unselfish work is his 31
23 years of service on the Gulf Coast Economic Development Council,
24 on which he is the longest serving member in the council's 40-year
25 history and has served as president for the last 11 years; and

26 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the development council has
27 worked to improve the success of the Hancock County Port and
28 Harbor Commission in recruiting industries to Hancock County; and

29 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
30 recognize an individual, such as Mr. David N. McDonald, who
31 exhibits the very best spirit and vitality of our nation's seniors
32 while helping his community through volunteering and inspiring
33 others:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
35 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
36 commend and congratulate Mr. David N. McDonald for being a
37 recipient of the Blue Cross & Blue Shield Mississippi Ageless
38 Heroes Award for 2004.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
40 furnished to Mr. David N. McDonald and to the members of the
41 Capitol Press Corps.