

By: Representatives Akins,
Fredericks, Gadd, Gunn,
Martinson, McBride, Montgomery,
Robinson (84th), Rogers (14th),
Staples, Stevens, Turner

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE COURAGE AND ENDURANCE OF MARIA
2 MCFADDEN-BEEK WHILE HELD AS A PRISONER OF WAR IN JAPANESE
3 DETAINMENT DURING WORLD WAR II AND THE INDONESIAN REVOLUTION.

4 WHEREAS, Maria Magdalena McFadden-Beek, born in Bandung, West
5 Java, on April 22, 1925, of Dutch parents who came to Java in
6 1919; and

7 WHEREAS, a survivor of World War II and the Indonesian
8 revolution, Mrs. McFadden-Beek vividly recalls the harsh realities
9 of war and imprisonment that she, her mother and younger siblings
10 endured as prisoners of war in Japanese detainment; and

11 WHEREAS, penning her account in a literary piece entitled **Ode**
12 **to My Mother**, Mrs. McFadden-Beek relays the message of love,
13 courage, strength and support gained from her mother as she
14 endured those turbulent times; and

15 WHEREAS, after Japanese surrender, Mrs. McFadden-Beek stayed
16 briefly in Australia before emigrating to the United States in
17 1946, where she arrived on July 26 aboard the *SS Mariposa* in San
18 Francisco; and

19 WHEREAS, finding employment as a model with I. Magnin, later
20 becoming an assistant in the Custom Made Salon, she eventually
21 moved to southern California and worked in San Bernardino; and

22 WHEREAS, married to an air force officer, after 22 moves in
23 20 years of marriage, Mrs. McFadden-Beek and her husband retired
24 to Oxford, Mississippi, in 1973, where they raised beef cattle and
25 Appaloosa horses for 15 years; and

26 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
27 recognize and commend the courage of such an outstanding
28 individual as Mrs. McFadden-Beek:

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
30 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
31 commend the courage and endurance of Maria Magdalena McFadden-Beek
32 while being held as a prisoner of war in Japanese detainment
33 during World War II and the Indonesian Revolution.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
35 furnished to Mrs. McFadden-Beek and to the members of the Capitol
36 Press Corps.