

By: Senator(s) Simmons, Jordan,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AND
2 CHARITABLE COMMITMENT OF MRS. LILLIAN DORIS (WADLINGTON) CAREY ON
3 THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lillian Doris (Wadlington) Carey of Lexington,
5 Mississippi, celebrated her 100th birthday on April 24, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carey was born on April 24, 1903, in the Gages
7 Springs Community (which is located 9 miles southeast of
8 Lexington) in Holmes County, Mississippi. She is the youngest of
9 11 children born to the union of Arthur and Anna Wadlington. Both
10 of Mrs. Carey's parents and all of her grandparents were slaves;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carey, affectionately known as "Dee," married
13 Rev. Sam G. Carey, Sr. of Lexington, Mississippi, on August 23,
14 1927. To this union, the following five children were born: Sam
15 Jr., Doris Eileen, Roland, Howard and Gladys. Additionally, Mr.
16 and Mrs. Carey have 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.
17 Rev. Carey, a faithful husband of 56 years, died in 1983 at the
18 age of 85. Besides obedience to God, nothing is more important to
19 Mrs. Carey than family, friends and neighbors; and

20 WHEREAS, she affiliated with Gages Springs Missionary Baptist
21 Church. After moving to Lexington, she joined Asia Baptist
22 Church, where she continues to hold membership; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carey received her high school diploma and
24 teaching certificate from Jackson College in 1926. In 1956, she
25 earned a B.S. degree from Jackson State College. She did
26 post-graduate study at Jackson State College (now Jackson State
27 University) and at Indiana University; and

28 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carey's professional career is as follows:
29 Hickory Springs Community School, 1926-1928; Lexington Elementary
30 School, four years during the 1930's; Ambrose Elementary/High
31 School, 1943-1959; and Lexington Attendance Center, 1959-1970.
32 Her total years spent as a public school teacher, before her
33 retirement on July 1, 1970, is 33 years; and

34 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carey holds membership in the following
35 organizations: Holmes County Retired Teachers Association;
36 Mississippi Retired Teachers Association; Mississippi Teachers
37 Association; National Education Association; Jackson State
38 University Alumni Association; National Council of Negro Women,
39 Inc.; President, R.C. Lee Federated Club of Lexington; Assistant
40 Secretary, State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. ;
41 Secretary, Standard Fraternal Aid Society; and (succeeded her
42 husband as committee-of-one) Pinkston Cemetery general upkeep; and

43 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize this landmark
44 event in the life of a Mississippian whose dedication to public
45 education, ministry of giving, political participation and local
46 community involvement stand as a model to the citizens in her
47 community and to the State of Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the educational service and
50 charitable commitment of Mrs. Lillian Doris (Wadlington) Carey on
51 the occasion of her 100th birthday on April 24, 2003, and extend
52 to her the best wishes of the Senate for her future health and
53 happiness.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
55 Mrs. Carey and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.